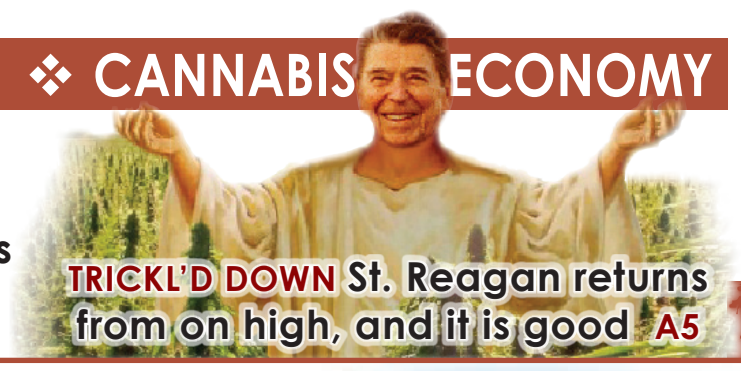


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FIXTURE FIXATION
'Lady Loo' freely facilitates functions at 7th & F A8



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❖ KINKEYVILLE

Ocean noise protested

Lance Legstrong
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINKEYVILLE – Residents on the west side of town have submitted a petition to the McKinkeyville Community Services District demanding that it finally do something about an ongoing problem – noise from the ocean.

"It's like a cross between the roar of a jet and a hundred monkeys let loose in a room full of kettle drums," said Ocean Drive resident Penny Puddinhead about the incessant ocean noise. Irritated residents say that the racket continues

PACIFIC COMM-OCEAN ❖ A2

Blubber smoothies ahoy!

Baykeeper launches major whaling campaign to counter sea level rise

Narv Neldman
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT - Humboldt Baykeeper has launched an innovative new program to combat sea level rise, increase local food production and create new jobs through whaling.

The effort revives a traditional industry that played an important role in the development of Humboldt County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"You know, no one ever heard about sea level rise until commercial whaling was banned in 1982" said Baykeeper Director Jen Kalt. "But whales are really, really big. They displace a lot of water and that raises the sea level, just like when you get in the bathtub and the water level rises. By removing them from the ocean, we can help bring the sea level back down. I mean, *geez*, people, put two and two together!"

Baykeeper completed its first harvest of 26 whales last week.

"We're pleased as punch," said Kalt. "An adult gray whale displaces about 1,600 cubic feet of ocean, so removing 26 of them reduces the ocean's volume by almost 42,000 cubic feet. That's 1/550,944,762,595,238 of the volume of the Pacific Ocean alone. That means both a lower sea level, and a stunning new low for Baykeeper!"

BAYKEEPER ❖ A2



WHALE FAIL Humboldt Baykeeper strikes another thar-she-blows for the environment. MN | UNION



BICYCLE HUB RESET AS SUPERCOLLIDER

CONFUSATRON Public Works physicists attend to the Arcata node of the Large Hadron Collider at 10th and I streets. B-SCRIM | UNION

Arcata gets $63 billion grant to fix 10th and I

Blamph Scrimble
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – When Public Works installed the new Bicycle Hub, little did it know it was making a breakthrough in high-energy particle physics.

But as it turns out, the confusing wheel at 10th and I streets has verified principles hitherto observed on only the subatomic level.

As a result, the federal Department of Energy (DOE) has granted the City of Arcata $62.7 billion to make the controversial crossroads into America's node of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), located near Geneva, Switzerland, and install a traffic circle.

10TH & I ❖ A6



WINDING DOWN THE 'WINKLENATOR'

SIGNATURE STYLE Mayor Michael Winkler's flamboyant ways seem to some a drastic departure from Arcata's hummus-based social mores. TRS | UNION

City Council spanks mayor, pats self on back

Tiffany Rhiannon Sanchez
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – In an official proclamation endorsed at last week's meeting, the Arcata City Council has formally commanded Mayor Michael Winkler to curtail the over-the-top, flamboyant displays of wasteful excess, rhetorical and automotive, which have become his signature in office.

The gangly councilmember has been allowing more of his personal style into official proceedings, most visibly with his new, retro-style wardrobe apparently modeled on a 1977 Sears menswear

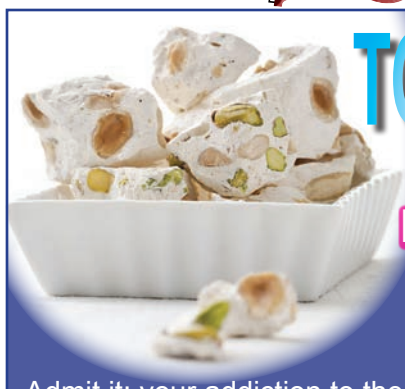
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HARMONIC CONVERGENCE STEEL CAGE GRUDGE MATCH In an effort to forge a new spirit of reconciliation in war-torn Manila, peninsula residents will resolve differences and raise funds for NCS Headstart in "Harmonic Convergence Steel Cage Grudge Match" at the Manila Community Center, Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m., until the sole survivor has gained a balanced perspective and staggered from the hall.

"I'm taking you to school!" said Dendra "Dagger" Dengler to Manila CSD Chair John "Wild" Woolley. Also scheduled to appear are Bev "The Tosser" Prosser, Dan "Rather Disturbed" Edrich, Joy "Diamond Cutter" Dellas, Chris "Pork Chop" Drop, Jan "Bam Bam" Bramlett, Salena "Nunchuck" Kahle and Michael "Fugadaboutit" Fennell with special guest fighter Richard "The Bone Crusher" Marks from Samoa.

Pacific Comm-ocean | Rowdy seas

❖ FROM A1

day and night, with higher decibel readings during major storms.

The 138 signatories of the petition are demanding that the MCSD solve the problem and are also considering a class action suit against the Board of Realtors. Some moved in to their homes during calm seas, only to find that subsequent weather was more violent – with noisy waves the result.

"It's not fair," said Ocean Drive resident Inger Iverson. "We were here first. Waves may look great in paintings, but try having them as neighbors."

"Sellers are required to disclose known problems, but nowhere in the sales agreement for my house is there any mention of ocean noise," Puddinhead explained. "How could they not let me know that there would be ocean noise at my ocean-front house? Are they stupid, or corrupt?"

When asked to comment about how the MCSD would respond, and why it's taken so long, MCSD Manager Greg Orsini was optimistic. He said the entire project will be delegated to Operations Director James Henry.

Henry said he was confident the problem can be solved, pending Coastal Commission approval. "I can't tell you the solution right now, but I have one word for you – *concrete.*" Henry said.

Baykeeper | Enslave the whales

❖ FROM A1

Standing knee-deep in a pile of sliced gray whale blubber, Kalt detailed the range of locally-made whale products that would soon line store shelves.

"Whale steaks, whale burgers, whale meatloaf, whale bacon, whale jerky, whale sausage... The whale skin can be used instead of leather for coats, boots, couches and car seats. The blubber can be used for candles, cooking oil, butter, skin lotions, perfumes and hair care products. I hear Jessicurl is starting a whole new line using all whale blubber," Kalt said. "The blubber also makes a great smoothie!"

Kalt said she was at first apprehensive about the hunt, agreeing with it in principle, but uncomfortable with doing the actual deed.

That changed when one of her volunteers forged a spearhead out of a horseshoe, and Kalt decided to have it tempered with the blood of three of her organization's boardmembers.

"After it was tempered, I felt pretty dang good about killing these whales," she said. "I muttered something in Latin, then proclaimed, *'git 'r done!'*"

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Cryptic group opens bold new era

Or something

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ARCATA - A new group has formed in Arcata and hopes to better educate people about the doings at City Hall and elsewhere in the community.

Called Share & Care, the seven-member group has been meeting secretly for the past six months, during which time it developed a comprehensive 747-page master plan detailing its vision for the city and the exact goals and projects it plans to tackle.

"We want to provide a voice for the community and let people share their goals and aspirations," said Share & Care President Bonnie Boondoggle. The first step in that process, she said, will be to get public input on the master plan, which has already been approved by the Share & Care steering committee and cannot be changed.

In an effort to improve communication, Share & Care has proposed a novel idea. Every week or two, information will be gathered up from various sources in the community, then printed on paper. The sheets of paper will then be distributed around town. The Dr. Bronner-like screeds may be randomly found on park benches, the Post Office lobby and tacked to utility poles here and there.

Boondoggle said that when providing information, Share & Care will try to be neutral, but there may be some room for opinion on the sheets of paper.

Share & Care will need people who can attend meetings, take notes and create some sort of moderately readable prose. Someone will also need to take those words and figure out how to get them on paper for distribution to readers.

"We're venturing into new territory here," Boondoggle said, "so we're going to need some serious grant funding."

If the printed version is successful, the information may also be put on a website. Share & Care hasn't ruled out using radio, television or other media, Boondoggle said.

"Since our little group started meeting six months ago, we haven't communicated with anyone other than ourselves. We haven't made any phone calls, sent email, used Facebook or even posted on a bulletin board," Boondoggle explained."We've been hampered because we don't have any grant funding."

The conventional wisdom is that once Share & Care gets grant funding an information revolution will fundamentally alter the city's social and political landscape.

Mayor Mark Wheetley was particularly intrigued by the group's proposal to print information on paper and distribute the sheets around town.

"I applaud you for this innovative idea," Wheetley said. " I don't recall anyone ever trying such a bold idea. Putting information on a website is also intriguing, but I can't help but think that this whole Internet thing is just a fad. You should stick with paper."

Share & Care will further discuss its proposal at an upcoming meeting to be held at an undisclosed location at an undisclosed time.

And don't look for the group at the regular open public meetings of citizen volunteers which the city supports and listens to. They're not part of the plan.

"We're all about the people. We want to hear their voices," Boondoggle said.

Winklenator | Staff given wise direction from on high

❖ FROM A1

catalog. He's also adopted a disturbing form of nerd-gangsta slang, playing his boom box on the council dais during meetings and parking his mammoth SUV on the lawn of City Hall.

The custom-built vehicle's interior is trimmed with fur from endangered Golden Lion Tamarin Monkeys from the Amazon rainforest. Some 600 of the squirrel-sized creatures had to be skinned just for the roof liner. "A small price to pay, yo!" exulted Winkler.

The vehicle itself is called the Terminator, apparent homage to Winkler's advocacy for the successful anti-farmer ballot Measure P.

During a City Council meeting last year, Winkler warned Arcatans that a nonexistent "Terminator" gene might take over the food supply without a new law to make crooks out of farmers who couldn't use the unapproved technology if they wanted to.

"So what if it was just fear mongering? I got to say *'terminator!'*" Winkler exulted. "And I got a sweet name for my ride out of it. Anyway, I was kind of consumed with fact-checking Juan Fernandez around that time, so, respect."

Misleading the public may be a routine part of the council's public service, but garish displays of spending are a little too touchy in the current fiscal environment.

The council may have to forgo a self-granted pay raise, will probably forfeit hardship pay for having to use two-year-old iPads, and has reduced cognac deliveries and catered lunches to what one councilmember called "starvation levels" of just four days a week. One council source said an informal pledge among councilmembers to no longer rip off sharpies and whiteout from the city manager's supply cabinet met with non-unanimous endorsement.

The Council acted on a 4-0 vote in special session, with Mayor Winkler recusing himself (actually sulking in the City Manager's Office), to send him a letter that states:

WHEREAS, The City of Arcata has long had a reputation for open public process and flexible punctuality; and

WHEREAS, It now faces a long, tall, pant-suited crisis named Michael Winkler; and

WHEREAS, The word 'Terminator' is very scary; and

WHEREAS, So is that hideous vehicle; and

WHEREAS, We can't hear ourselves think with that stupid boombox blaring

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, Mayor Winkler, AKA "The Winklenator," must return to unobtrusive, disheveled nerdity at the earliest possible date; or as he would put it, "dial it back, dawg."

Dated: April 1, 2015

Oral Communications

Winkler's position on GMOs did get support from one of four citizens who spoke during the typically spittle-flecked Early Oral Communications.

"GMOs are a menace perpetrated by industry and its corporate shill scientists," said Gary Gruntmuffin. "The real facts are right there on YouTube and Facebook. Do your research!"

The second speaker offered a radically different message.

"Global warming is a hoax perpetrated by socialists and their godless, hate-America scientists," said Nelda Norberry. "The real facts are right there on YouTube and Facebook. Do your research!"

Next up was an alternative medicine practitioner.

"Vaccines are a hoax perpetrated by Big Pharma and its corporate shill scientists," said Loretta Loopy. "The real facts are right there on YouTube and Facebook. Do your research!"

Early Oral Communications was rounded out by citizen Brent Slovotsky, who offered his usual apocalyptic praise. "I appreciate the council and staff's fine work, and you're all going to end up unloved, penniless and broken in the gutter," Slovotsky said. "Thank you."

SmokeFit™

Later on the agenda was a new proposal to incorporate new SmokeFit™ healthy cigarette smoking guidelines into the latest version of the anti-smoking law. SmokeFit™, the brainchild of City Councilmember Susan Ornelas, involves strenuous exercise while chain smoking.

Though counterintuitive, she said the practice boosts the immune system and that Facebook memes prove this, despite what untrustworthy, corporate-shill doctors and scientists might assert.

"These safe cigarettes are all natural and produced by local organic farmers," she proclaimed. "They're non-GMO and gluten free!"

Asked by Councilmember Mark Wheetley which scientists were corrupt, she patiently explained the obvious.

"Damn, man, all of them. Thirty years ago, science was telling us margarine was healthy, and now it says this is dangerous," Ornelas reasoned. The mention sent a collective shudder through Council Chamber, as many in attendance were survivors of the Great All-Science Margarine Imposition of 1985 and its ghoulish consequences.

As part of the new law, SmokeFit™ allows a person to puff cigarettes anywhere in town, as long as they are "visibly cavorting" in some vigorous fashion.

Ornelas suggested that specific exercises be themed to certain areas of town.

For example, a smoker in Redwood Park could be playing frisbee, or a person traversing the Plaza might be required to somersault across the town square, just as they might in Pepperland.

Told that the requirements and any resulting cardiac arrests could expose the city to liability as well as drycleaning claims, Ornelas instructed the city attorney and police chief to "find a way" to make SmokeFit™ work.

Staff was also directed to add it to the Parks and Rec department's new "Sensible Smoking" and "Class in Cool" curricula for youth, and to solve world hunger, disarm North Korea and bring peace to the Middle East, then report back in two weeks.

Hooray for us

During council and staff reports, members patted themselves on the back for a productive session.

A freshly chastened Winkler, his three-inch lapels inexplicably smeared with butterscotch topping and what appeared to be gnawed-on Scrabble letters, noted that public process could sometimes be a messy affair.

"But," he added, holding up a left hand spangled with oversize Zircon-encrusted rings on each finger, "pressure makes diamonds."

"Damn, man, you're right," chimed Ornelas. "Did you see that sweet leadership-fu earlier? When Police Chief Chapman told us he couldn't enforce a 40 jumping jacks per cigarette minimum at Janes Creek Park, we just told him to try again and report back to us. Now that's what I call heavy lifting – sparing no effort to do the people's business."

The council further consensed that the General Fund Budget Task Force had better apply itself anew to rein in the budget the council has allowed to spiral out of control for years, and without cutting programs or raising fees.

Environmental Services will be sent a memo decreeing that it make Jolly Giant Creek flow with organic craft beer, which the city will market as part of its new DrinkSmart™ fundraising program.

"Those are the kinds of 'creative solutions' we were elected to search out," Ornelas said.





WISE ADVICE Arcata Financial Advisor Loretta-Sue Grunion helps People's Records kingpin Steve Lovett pore over his portfolio of new acquisitions. Grunion, who boasts more than six weeks of experience in the financial guidance sector, noted Lovett's strategic foothold in the 21st century used vinyl market and directed him toward similar poised-to-explode growth industries. With holdings now including drive-in movie theatres, bowling alleys and Humboldt's biggest cache of floppy discs, Grunion praised her client's investment approach as "disruptive audacity." Record Store Day is Saturday, April 18. *recordstoreday.com* Submitted photo

❖ KINKEYVILLE

Burglars become brigands to take toll on Hammond Trail

Gill Trebuchet
Mad River Union

ARCATA – As part of a mediated settlement between drug-addled petty criminals and families who live along McKinkeyville's recreational/burglary artery, the Hammond Trail, a toll booth will be installed on the popular walkway to collect tribute from trail users who hold regular jobs.

In return, officials with Dirty-Pants Skeezewad Local 379 offered guarantees that most break-ins within 400 yards of the trail will like, cease or whatever.

"We brainstormed leveraging our synergies for a win-win scenario," said "Havoc," chief executive hoodlum. "We're playing to our strengths – standing around and spitting amid clouds of f-bombs and sour blue smoke – while minimizing the potential for awkward social interaction, such as being found rummaging around inside someone's garage on Fischer Road. Just saying."

The new booth – actually a shanty made of stolen realty signs from area lawns and bread trays from the Ray's Food Place loading dock – is located at the entrance to the trail at the north terminus of Fischer Road.

Discarded wine bottles strewn in the trail act as speed bumps, notifying users that the toll collection station is ahead.

The toll will be negotiable – basically any denomination of bills, coins, picnic items, cigarettes, gum, shiny baubles or other fungible pocket litter will do.

Seniors are invited to trade safe deposit box keys for unencumbered passage, while children are asked to surrender their lunchbox contents, vegetables excepted.

"We went with the sliding scale," Havoc explained. "It's all about customer service."

Mortimer Slork, chair of McKinkeyville Community Watch, lauded the innovation as a "pro-active, lean-forward vision by our loser-ass, lowlife community partner-parasites."



A HOWLING SUCCESS OysterFest Director Nancy Stephenson, right, exults at the positive reaction to her initiative to place Arcata Fire's noon siren atop the Plaza's beloved statue of genocidal maniac William McKinley. "With so many expressing their fondness for the rusty air-raid horn, Arcata Main Street brought it home to the Plaza for good," Stephenson announced. "Beginning on Saturday, June 20 at OysterFest 2015, the siren will sound continuously from 7 a.m. to midnight every day, stopping only briefly at noon." To Stephenson's delight, the focus group above immediately began gyrating in a peculiar yet aerobic, writhing-based improvisational dance, accompanied by enthusiastic caterwauling of an indistinct but impassioned nature. "McKinley's got his horn on," Stephenson said. "But Arcata Main Street's got the moves." Photo courtesy Alvin Theodore Simon

2015 OysterFest will have everything

No, seriously – *everything*

Garamond Minion
Mad River Union

ARCATA – Seeking to reinvent the 2015 Arcata Bay Oyster Festival, director Nancy Stephenson decided to include the most successful features from previous Plaza events. All of them.

In addition to the usual oyster-themed activities like the Oyster Calling contest, booths and music, 2015 OysterFest will include the Farmer's Market, an Easter Egg Hunt, an anti-war protest, Kids' Bike Rodeo, All Species Parade, Food Not Bombs, a Kinetic Sculpture Race, the Humboldt Crabs and Crab Grass Band, a salsa-tasting competition, drum circle, Queen Doubles cart, fist fights, a solemn candlelight vigil and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"Seems doable," Stephenson said.

As a finishing touch, Occupy Arcata will recreate its iconic encampment with a mini-tent city at the Plaza's center. There, the Arcata Fire siren newly installed on McKinley's head will blare continuously, halting only momentarily at noon.

In a nostalgic homage to 2013, a multi-layered maze of razor-wire fences will encircle the Plaza, winnowing attendees to those "most determined to celebrate our beautiful bay bivalves," Stephenson added. "You won't be bored," she promised.

oysterfestival.net

❖ BOARD OF STUPIDIZERS

Anything, anywhere, any time at all

Callisto Bodoni
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors decided last week to make all uses principally permitted in all zones throughout Humboldt County.

The decision, part of the board's never-ending update of the General Plan, will allow anyone to do just about anything anywhere at all hours with legal impunity.

The measure was approved 4–1, with Supervisor Mark Lovelace dissenting.

"This will provide the maximum amount of flexibility for builders and others who make Humboldt such a great place to live," said Chair Rex Bohn.

Lovelace warned the board of the perils of its decision. "This will allow industrial uses in residential neighborhoods," the frustrated supervisor told the board. "You could see strip clubs in front of schools, Wal-Marts on ag land. What a nightmare."

But Supervisor Ryan Sundberg disagreed. "I don't know of anyone who is trying to open a strip club near Morris School. There are no current proposals to build high density housing at Tyee City, so I don't see this as a problem."

Gov't efficiency 4, Lovelace 1

Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – To save time in processing the written minutes for meetings of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board Kathy Hayes last week got the board's permission to add a permanent line to the Word document template.

Each agenda item will henceforth include the nominal addendum: "Approved 4–1, with Supervisor Lovelace dissenting."

According to the written report for the item, this measure would save approximately 50 keystrokes in recording the minutes for each item on the agenda.

"On a typical agenda with 35 items", notes the report, "this measure would save 1,750 keystrokes, savings considerable time as well as wear and tear on the clerk's fingers."

The item came recommended by the Human Resources Department, which noted that marginalizing independent elected leaders could help avoid carpal tunnel injuries by staff.

The measure was approved 4–1, with Supervisor Lovelace dissenting.

Chair Rex Bohn said he lamented Lovelace's lack of interest in government efficiency, and suggested that the chronic outlier enroll in anger management classes right after the two enjoy their weekly post-meeting milkshake together in Old Town.

County closes key services gap with new outreach to wealthy

Poplar Papyrus
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – The Department of Health and Human Services has been providing services to the county's poor and underprivileged residents for years, but another class of residents has been completely ignored – the well-to-do.

But that's about to change. DHHS Chief Bill Mandel has gained Board of Supervisors approval for his department to open up support groups for rich people at what are being called Hubba Hubba Hubs, with locations in McKinleyville, Eureka and Fortuna.

The measure was approved 4–1, with Supervisor Mark Lovelace dissenting.

At the hubs, caring professionals will be available to provide wraparound services to rich people to help them with their special needs. "Whether you need help choosing the right hedge funds, distinguishing quality mink coats from poor ones, or just simply pairing champagne with caviar, we can help," Mandel said.

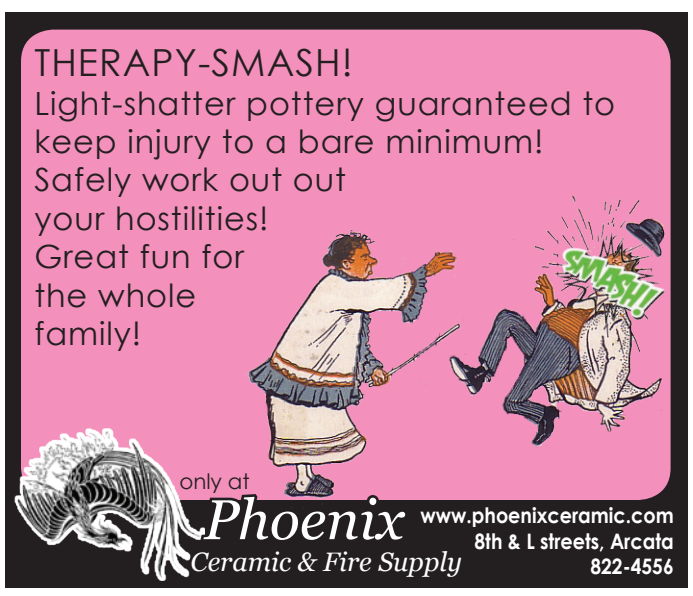
The new services signals a change of direction for county social services.

"For years we've been giving out free socks to homeless people, and government cheese to single mothers, " said Supervisor Esther Bone. "But we've been ignoring the rich. They're basically disenfranchised as they don't qualify for most social services. They've got bank accounts full of cash and lavish mansions, but when was the last time a caring county worker gave them socks? They have feelings too, you know."

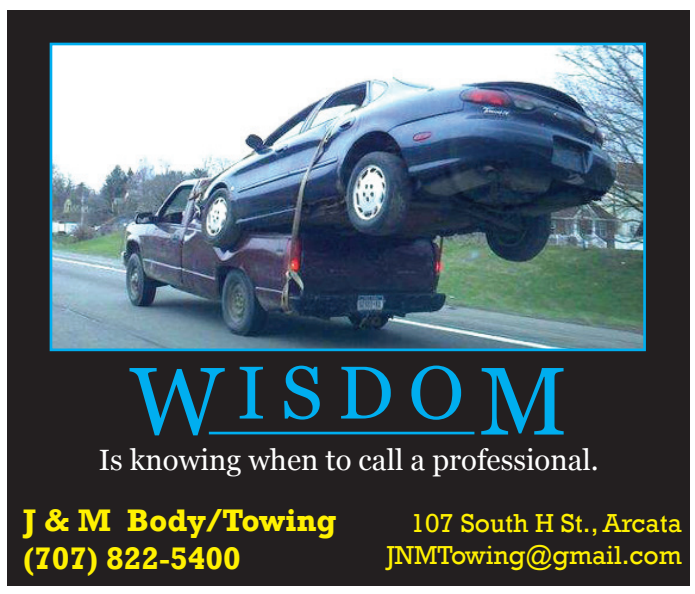
The program goes into full swing next month, but if last year's pilot project is any indication, the hubs are going to be a huge success.

"They helped me last year after I got home from three months yachting in the Mediterranean, " said Tad Rothchild, the 22-year-old son of one of Humboldt's captains of industry. "I was at the Ingomar Club eating the worst bolognaise sauce I've ever had, washing it down with a glass of 2008 *Domaine Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet Les Folatières 1er Cru*. I missed my friends in Capri. I was totally bummed out. Then I visited the Hubba Hubba Hub Mobile Engagement Vehicle. They hooked me up with some killer linguine with clam sauce, a line of pharmaceutical grade cocaine and gave me the phone number of a high end escort. I was good to go. They changed my life, at least for that afternoon and 30 minutes that evening."

The Hubba Hubba Hubs will be available for income eligible residents.









SURGICALLY DELICIOUS



CARDIOLECTABLE To address possible consequences stemming from the sheer density of Italian restaurants in the immediate area, the staff of PastaLuego in Jacoby's Storehouse has received training in emergency cardiovascular procedures. Any customers whose arteries might seize up with alfredo sauce may now hop right up on the sterilized stainless steel counter for a quick bypass procedure, as performed by surgeon-chefs Zach Welmich, Coco Maki and Zach Broege, above. Left, Maki mixes up a fresh batch of rich and hearty blood for surgical transfusions, available in garlic, pesto and chunky-style. *facebook.com/PastaLuegoArcata*

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Nominal AHS grad lands ag gig

Arial Boffo
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – Bobby Smithers, a senior at Arcata High, is scheduled to graduate this June with either a C- or D+ average, depending on how much lack of effort he displays in what will likely be the last final months of education he'll ever have to endure.

Smithers said he's "totally jacked" to finally end his lackluster tenure at the high school, where he skated through remedial courses, putting in just enough effort to pass most, but not all, of his classes and slog his way towards graduation.

A full scholarship to Stanford University which Smithers had been offered went untaken when he spilled bongwater all over the paperwork or whatever.

"Smithers is a good kid who has chosen the path of least resistance," said Principal Nancy Nimcomput. "He'll graduate with a minimalist education, just enough to get by, or not. Such a waste."

When asked if he had wasted the past four years, Smithers laughed. "Wasted! Yeah man."

Smithers plans to join some of his fellow students who barely graduated the year before and have joined Humboldt's agricultural community.

Smithers' estimated, tax-free income next year will be easily $60,000 to $120,000, then plummet to minimum wage and no benefits when Phillip Morris takes over post legalization.

Historical plaque placed at 8th & G

Cambria Baskerville
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – A phalanx of officials from the City of Arcata, Caltrans and various alternative transportation groups were on hand at Eighth and G streets last Friday for the unveiling of a new commemorative plaque that will be permanently displayed at the site.

The plaque celebrates a historical incident in 2009 when Humboldt State sophomore and bicyclist Ted Merton stopped at the stop sign there.

The unprecedented complicance with traffic safety laws by a bicyclist predictably commanded headlines, a Dell'Arte musical and later, several movie spin-offs, but city officials felt that the event merited lasting local recognition, hence the plaque.

Unfortunately, Merton was unable to attend, having been hospitalized with minor injuries after attempting to repeat the edgy stopping maneuver last week. In doing so, he was rear-ended by a car.

"How was I to know he was going to stop at a stop sign?" the driver pleaded.

McK man to stay all pissed off

Avenir Mistral
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINKEYVILLE – Community activist and local gadfly Mark Muffins – who bears longstanding grudges against certain members of the McKinkeyville Community Services District – admitted last week that he can't remember what the grudges are about or how they got started.

"I harbor suspicions and feelings of distrust, but for the life of me I can't remember why," Muffins said.

Muffins came home from a recent meeting of the MCSD and ranted to his wife about how much he hates certain boardmembers, spurring his wife to ask him a simple question: *Why was that, again?*

"I couldn't answer her," admitted an embarrassed Muffins. Further pondering didn't turn up any clues as to why he carried around so much resentment.

"Y'know, I've nurtured this sense of being wronged for so long that it's kinda hard to give up," he said. "Might as well just keep on hatin'."

Muffins said he plans to continue giving the hairy eyeball to various townsfolk and neighbors, and to boycott a handful of businesses for reasons lost to the mists of time.

Sheriff's office subcontracts mugshots

HCSO

HUMBOLDT – For years, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has produced green-tinged Frankenstein-like mugshots of offenders. But no more.

Starting April 1, HCSO has subcontracted mugshots to Brandi Easter Photography, who has already started producing a line of "glamor mugs."

"Being arrested should not be a completely unpleasant experience," said Easter.



BEFORE & AFTER Offenders can now show their mugs with pride. PHOTOS COURTESY HSCO

"We aim to reduce the stigma, especially since newspapers keep printing the darn things," added Sheriff Mark Downton.

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CONTRARIAN IN COMMAND

WORKING DUNES Farmers On Our Dunes (FOOD) Executive Director Uri Driscoll with a jumbo ear of Roundup-Ready corn, fields of which have been planted on the Manila Dunes. The new cultivar was developed at Monsanto Bayside Park Farm *(see page A6)* and bred specifically for coastal conditions. PHOTO COURTESY FARMERS ON OUR DUNES

Dune dissident Driscoll named new executive director of FOOD

Optima Copperplate
MAD RIVER UNION

SAMOA PENINSULA – From atop the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, Uri Driscoll is smiling and feeling proud as he looks out over the peninsula and admires the changes he has made since taking the helm at Friends of the Dunes.

Before him, stretching from the highway to the foredune, is a wide swath of genetically modified Roundup-Ready corn hemmed on each side with densely planted rows of hybrid pampas and European beach grass. An arc of nutrient-rich dairy waste sprays from a manure gun, showering the dunes with goodness.

"If you stand in the right place, you can see rainbows," said Driscoll.

These are just some of the changes Driscoll has made since he was elected earlier this year during an awkward and somewhat confusing meeting of the Friends of the Dunes Board of Directors.

At a June 7 meeting, the Friends Board of Directors tackled what should have been a simple matter – approval of the consent calendar, which included a resolution agreeing to search for a replacement for retiring executive director Carol Vander Meer, the minutes from the previous meeting, and a letter rejecting a written request from Driscoll asking that he be allowed to permanently park his horse trailer in the Friends' parking lot.

Mike Wilson made a motion to approve the consent calendar, which was seconded by Mike Seeber. Director Mike Dronkers then made a friendly amendment to remove the Driscoll letter so it could be revised, but this was rejected by Tamara Gedik, which spurred Wilson to withdraw his entire motion.

This upset Jessica Hall, who made her own motion, which was revised by Trevor Estlow. Vander Meer then told Hall that the motion would have to be amended to comply with the board's bylaws, which spurred Tom Torma to amend the motion, per the suggestion of staff. This didn't sit well with Mike van Hatten, who then lost it and went on a tirade before Wilson asked for a roll call vote.

Matt Johnson asked for clarification of the motion, but with the hour getting late and the board having spent three hours on a matter which should have taken two minutes, Wilson demanded an immediate voice vote.

Directors voted unanimously in favor of the motion, but were somewhat confused, so they asked Secretary David Hitchcock to explain what they had just voted on.

"Driscoll is now both the executive director and the president of the Friends of the Dunes," Hitchcock declared.

Wilson blamed the mistake on the complexities of the parliamentary process. "I thought by voting yes I was shooting down the motion, and the friendly amendment, but I was actually voting yes on something I didn't understand." The other directors expressed similar concerns. "Where am I?" Dronkers inquired.

Once enthroned, Driscoll unilaterally altered the Friends' bylaws to make himself dictator for life and changed the name of the organization to Farmers On Our Dunes (FOOD).

Driscoll is now transforming the dunes to conform with his vision of the coast.

"These dunes are more stable than they've ever been. We have an aggressive European beach grass planting program," Driscoll said. In a gesture of compromise, Driscoll is continuing with efforts to eradicate the yellow lupine, which are now being replaced with the purple lupine.

"Purple is prettier than yellow," Driscoll stated.

As for the corn, Driscoll said, "this monocrop is beautiful stuff. Just the other day we dumped about 800 gallons of Roundup on it. Humboldt Bay wallflowers and all the other pesky weeds melted away, but the corn just grew stronger. We're growing some of the best goddamn corn niblets you've ever had."

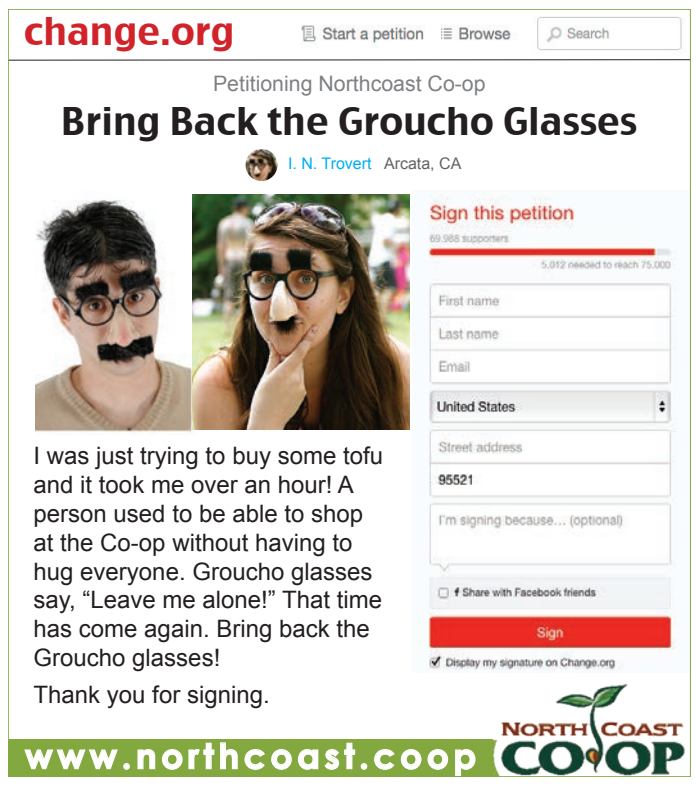
The special strain of corn was bred at Monsanto Bayside Park Farm. Each ear includes both limited cognitive abilities and vision, and emits a piercing screech at the sight of an anti-GMO activist. If cornered, a barbed, three-foot tongue can lash out and rake the protester with toxic stingers.

Driscoll also plans to partner with Humboldt Baykeeper to produce and market a gray whale/sweet corn chowder soup. He also has plans to open a cyclecross course in the dunes along with a hog farm. These plans, however, may be delayed for a few months.

Driscoll has further upped his public service commitment by also taking on a leadership role in the Bigfoot Bicycle Club. A new initiative will create a network of trails in the Arcata Community Forest specifically designed for horse-drawn mountain bikes.

An amateur thespian, Driscoll recently landed the lead role in a traveling theater troupe's production of the *Vagina Monologues*. "When I get back from the road, I'll continue to be a friend to these dunes," Driscoll said.







A LONG WAY FROM DEATH VALLEY Jonesing for jelly beans?. Photo courtesy Eureka Reporter

St. Reagan descends from on high, is highly pleased with Humboldt

Bell Verdana
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – President Ronald Reagan descended from heaven Sunday to praise Humboldt County's pot growers as "the perfect model of what a completely deregulated industry looks like."

Wearing a white robe and an angelic smile, the 40th President floated gently to Earth bathed in a shaft of pure white light. Standing in the middle of a 10,000-plant pot farm in the Salmon Creek watershed, President Reagan stretched out his arms, gesturing to a sea of mature pot plants as far as the eye could see, and saw that it was good.

"You know," said Reagan in his folksy manner, "it warms my heart to see a thriving industry with no permits, no licensing, no labor laws, no environmental regulations, no accounting requirements and, best of all, no taxes."

Reagan continued, "And, because deregulation always works, there is absolutely no crime, no impact on the community and no harm to the environment."

"Here in America, we used to let industry do whatever they wanted without a lot of regulations, and absolutely nothing bad ever happened," Reagan reminisced. "And if we did regulate them, we let them write the regulations themselves. I understand Humboldt's doing the same thing. That should work well."

Asked about concerns about the impact of dewatering streams on endangered salmon, the Great Communicator said, "Well, if you've seen one salmon, you've seen 'em all."



MIXED MESSAGES The gorgeous viewshed of the Humboldt Bay shoreline. Photo courtesy Humboldt Advocate

Billboards bump uglies on Bay

Andale Courier
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT BAY – The local chapter of the American CIvil Liberties Union (ACLU) has filed a lawsuit against activist and former Arcata City Councilmember and bay billboard-tilter-atter Dave Meserve,.

The civil rights guardians contend that Meserve's efforts to get billboards removed along the U.S. Highway 101 corridor between Arcata and Eureka infringes upon the free speech of CBS/Outfront and other billboard companies.

Meserve recently erected mini-billboards adjacent to the existing billboards with text reading, "Tear Down This BIllboard!"

The ACLU filing states, "By calling upon the billboard owner to tear down their billboard, Mr. Meserve's campaign seeks to coerce CBS/Outfront into giving up its right to free speech, thus violating the spirit of the First Amendment."

The ACLU also filed an accompanying lawsuit against CBS/Outfront for removing the signs erected by Meserve, stating, "The forcible removal of the signs illegally placed by Mr. Meserve in the public right of way violates Mr. Meserve's right to free speech."

The ACLU also erected its own mini-billboards, calling for the protection of the other billboards.

When asked whether the ACLU would remove their billboards after the lawsuits are settled, ACLU spokesman Peter Martin said "To do that would violate the ACLU's right to free speech. Then we'd have to sue ourselves."



GNARLY GNEST The Schwilly Tree Trail got a lot of attention from Dirty-Pants Skeezewad Local 379 last Saturday as a hardy band of volunteers with its Crap-Up Sleaze Team furnished the freeway-side hangout with necessary amenities. Shopping carts loaded with bottles, cans, old clothes, single shoes plus thousands of cigarette butts and bottle caps were brought to the area, the items strewn about to simulate the environment once enjoyed at the now cordoned-off Safeway Slope. Adjacent buildings were spray-painted as a final flourish. Participants were awarded a patch bearing the new Schwilly Tree Trail logo. KLH | Union

Anti-dumping do-gooders revealed as fascistical tools

Rockwell Wingding
Mad River Union

ARCATA – Efforts to clean up Liscom Slough and various locations throughout the Arcata Bottom hit a major snag following last week's decision in Humboldt County Superior Court declaring dumping a form of free speech.

The City of Arcata and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department had cited Manila resident Fred Sanford for numerous dumping violations, including depositing a Signature Collection three-piece corner chaise, sofa and armless loveseat in Liscom Slough.

Atop the discarded furniture Sanford piled 43 boxes of previously frozen Jimmy Dean Delights Sausage Turkey Bowls, a carton of Pall Malls and a stinky deer carcass. Mildewed bundles of undelivered *Tri-City Weeklies* littered the area like chunky-style corporate dandruff.

Asked by authorities why he dumped the items, Sanford said, "The sectional was new and in good condition, but it was mauve. After living with a mauve sectional for four weeks, I couldn't take it anymore. It had to go."

Liscom Slough, Sanford explained, was the only logical choice. "Sofas go in Liscom Slough, *of course*. What, did you expect me to dump it in Widow White Creek? Hello, I'm not a monster."

After volunteer Ted Halstead spent 38 hours over three days cleaning up the mess, in the process finding a receipt stapled to the sectional with Sanford's name and address, Fish and Wildlife officials cited Sanford for illegal dumping and ordered him to pay a $29 fine.

But when Richard Salzman and local attorney Peter Martin learned of Sanford's citation, they teamed up and filed a lawsuit claiming that the dumping is protected speech under the First Amendment.

"Mr. Sanford was merely exercising his First Amendment rights," Martin said. " I don't want to exaggerate, but by enforcing dumping laws, the fascist game wardens are no better than greenwashed stormtrooper Nazis. Oh, by the way, Hitler."



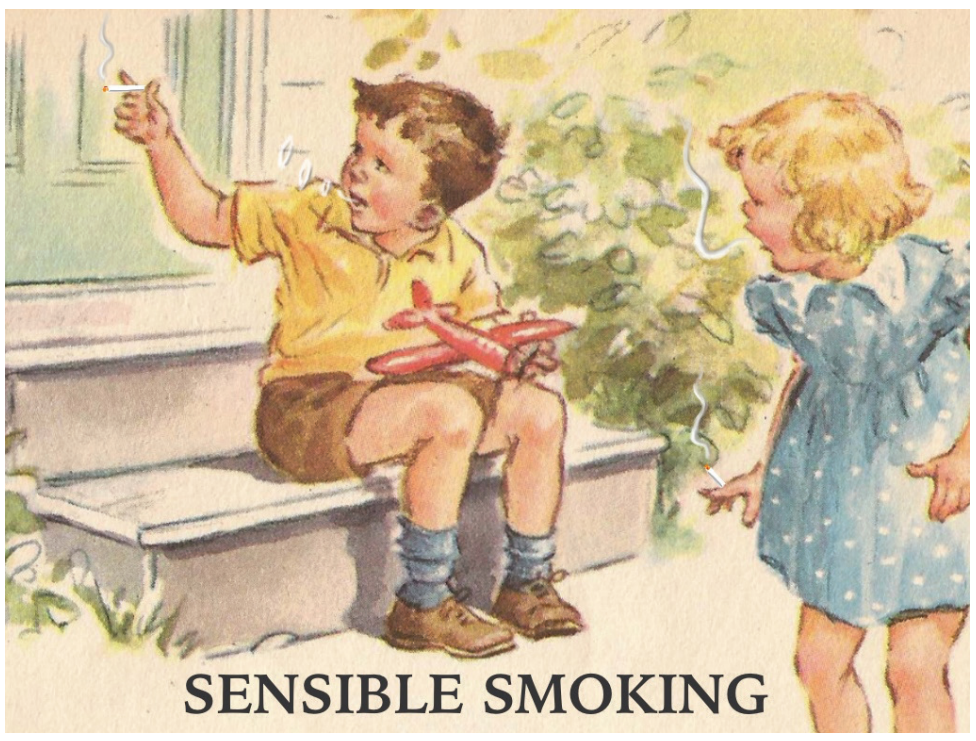








City introduces new programs to help balance budget





ANYTHING HELPS City Manager Karen Diemer, right, spends her lunch hours across from City Hall, importuning Uniontown Shopping Center customers for spare change to boost the General Fund and balance the city budget. Left, the retro-style illustration for Parks & Rec's new "Sensible Smoking" class for tots. The efforts complement teen and adult programs aimed at establishing various forms of substance dependency involving locally sourced natural and organic products. KLH | UNION

Zapf Dingbat
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – New ideas and fee-based programs are flying fast at Arcata City Hall, as civic officials scramble to close the budget gap.

The Recreation Dept. is offering a new "Sensible Smoking" afternoon activity designed for children ages 3 to 9, to be held at the Redwood Lounge. The class will introduce children to candy cigarettes, then genuine tobacco products sourced from local organic farmers. Kids will watch vintage TV commercials for cigarettes and sing classic jingles, dressing up as characters such as the Marlboro Man. At the end of the class, each child will receive a "Mini-Puffer" medal of valor.

For ages 10 to 18, a new Class in Cool will help teens attain and maintain a desirable self-image and project it with confidence. Building on the Sensible Smoking training, pre-adolescents and teens will learn how to swear, spit, glower, wear the same pants for weeks at a time, throw shoes over power lines and stay out at all hours without notifying parents of their plans.

A special extra-credit class will educate youth about the leadership role of celebrities in our culture, the importance of their views on politics and public health issues and how to select the right superstar to closely emulate.

The Rec Division youth activities are designed to work with the City Council's new SmokeFit™ and DrinkSmart™ programs for adults. "Now there's something for everyone," said Director Steven Heatherton.

Under another new program recommended by the Budget Task Force, city features may be "branded" by corporate sponsors with the means to pay a $70 fee.

Early bids were received for some of Arcata's most prominent points of interest, which have now been renamed. Among these are the Smith & Wesson Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, SuddenLink Plaza, Monsanto Bayside Park Farm and the Koch Industries Community Forest.



ACLU files suit against science for unfairly tormenting the ignorant

Helvetica Comic Sans
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has filed a lawsuit against science, alleging that science's basic requirement that findings be supported by actual facts and evidence wrongly violates the free speech of climate change deniers, creationists, homeopaths, astrologers, energy therapists, aura masseuesses and masseurs, Obama birthers, Reptoid unmaskers, anti-GMO apocalyptics, chemtrail believers, anti-vaxxers, accordion enthusiasts and all other Internet victims and ideologues.

"Expressions of free speech shouldn't be diminished or disenfranchised simply because they have absolutely no basis in fact, whatsoever" said Peter Martin, attorney for the ACLU. "To suggest that fact-based arguments are somehow more valid than crazy-assed bullshit is unfair and discriminatory against the willfully ignorant."

The lawsuit ACLU v. Science et al was filed in Humboldt Superior Court and designates as defendants all 30 million scientists worldwide, named in the lawsuit as "Miscellaneous Industry Shills."

Martin noted that the process of serving notice to all of the defendants would be costly and time consuming. Humboldt ACLU has started a Kickstarter campaign to help cover this cost.

Asked for comment, science issued a statement saying that it had scanned the complaint with an electron microscope and found it devoid of even the most minute particles of validity.

Continued science's statement, "It's our assumption that these people are ignoroids. We intend to test that hypothesis in court. And, yes, we expect those results to be easily reproducible."

Twin menaces abated at HSU

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT STATE – Too many "jokes" and "facts" have been found to impinge on the beliefs of innocent persons, genders, publications, religions, government and institutions, say student activists at Humboldt State.

To prevent hurt feelings henceforth, the Student Union in conjunction with a trained faculty sensitivity advisor have banned non-approved "humor and/or reality-constrained harshness" on campus.

In the future, all potential speech is subject to review by a licensing panel for potentially offensive references. Those that pass will be approved safe for public consumption. In keeping with treasured First Amendment protections, all licensed speech will be free but for a nominal administrative fee.





10th & I | Breakthroughs

❖ FROM A1

Following its installation, the Bicycle Hub began to exert quantum effects on the people and traffic in its vicinity. Not only did vehicles exhibit the phenomenon known as wave-particle duality which has been detected in the behavior of photons, but they also appeared to act in accordance with the expectations of those witnessing them – a principle known as observer-influenced reality.

Approaching the vortex-like mandala, vehicles occupy a quantum superposition, their exact status undefined. But once they enter the intersection, they assume one of two states – either zipping straight across like a particle, or riding the hub's rounded edge like a wave.

Uncannily, the vehicle's actions depend on who is watching. A city official with an interest in having the intersection function without complications saw as many as 27 of 28 vehicles drive directly across as they are supposed to.

An impartial reporter's tally showed a less conclusive proper-to-improper use ratio of about two-to-one.

However, online commenters propounding Arcata-sucks narratives observed most vehicles careening around the circle, scattering pedestrians and presaging municipal collapse.

"This is some serious physics juju," said Nels Norkle, chief physicist at European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). We feel that the Bicycle Hub, properly integrated into the LHC, can act as a force multiplier, opening up revolutionary new areas of research into the fabric of the universe and access to bagels."

Under terms of the grant, high-energy protons will be beamed through Earth to Arcata from the central LHC torus, then around the Bicycle Hub and return back for detection and analysis. In a serendipitous fluke, the energy stream will be able to teleport items as large as Mexican-style bagels back to the CERN employee lunchroom.

News of the Bicycle Hub's bizarre properties were eclipsed late in the week by another breakthrough – the discovery of relativistic activity in the vicinity of the McKinley statue on the Plaza.

Ned the Plazoid was galumphing as fast as he could toward the last bowl of Food Not Bombs botulin-broccoli soup on the Plaza. As he rounded McKinley at half the speed of light, he passed Matilda the banker, clopping in her high heels at the same velocity in the opposite direction toward the hors d'oeuvres table at a Chamber of Commerce mixer in Jacoby's Storehouse. Each shot each other a dirty look based on classist assumptions.

With each going half the speed of light, or the full speed of light relative to each other, did their contemptuous scowls reach each other at the speed of light plus their relative speeds, or twice the speed of light?

No, because the speed of light isn't just sensible – *it's the law*. For Ned and Matilda, time slowed at whatever ratio keeps light moving at its unchanging constant. Each saw the condescending sneers much longer than intended – for as long as it took to make the photons bouncing off their disapproving facial features keep going at 186,282 MPH.

Ned saw Matilda as frozen in an awkward running stance, perhaps auditioning to be McKinley's neofascist gal pal. Matilda noticed Ned frozen in a similar pose, possibly theorizing that the cement-like grime in his clothes has congealed into solidity. McKinley wouldn't see either, given their speed relative to him, plus he's just a hunk of metal.







Woepinion

He left his veracity in San Francisco

During a recent trip to San Francisco, this reporter had the opportunity to travel by cable car from Fisherman's Wharf to Market Street.

During this journey, it became apparent that we have been lied to. And by none other than Tony Bennett, who has built his career on a foundation of falsity as unstable as the liquifaction-prone shoreline of a certain heavily romanticized California city.

"I Left My Heart in San Francisco," it turns out, is little more than a collection of dubious claims, backed by little to no evidence and based on a sample of one, with no controls.

While some would hold songwriters George Cory and Douglass Cross responsible, we're placing the blame on the golden-throated fabulist who endlessly promulgates this set of misleading mythologies.



During the rickety ascent up Hyde Street, I noticed that far from "climbing halfway to the stars," our cablecar rose skyward only several hundred feet – *at best*.

Even if it went to the top of nearby Nob Hill, at 376 feet, that's just a minute fraction of the distance to even the nearest star, Proxima Centauri. It's 5.88 light years, or 24.9 trillion miles – that's 131,577,000,000,000,000 feet away.

Apparently we're to believe that 376 times two is 131,577,000,000,000,000.

It just doesn't add up, Mr. Bennett.

Unfortunately, that's not all that doesn't compute about the iconic crooner's signature song. Let's pry loose the *lies,* line by line:

The loveliness of Paris seems somehow sadly gay

"Sadly gay" would have to be one of history's most inartful oxymorons, and a coarse, untimely slap at the growing LGBTQIZΔ≠ώXπΩ∞² community.

The glory that was Rome is of another day

Gladiator, hello? Still a top-seller on Netflix.

I've been terribly alone and forgotten in Manhattan

OK, Tony, now you've really jumped the shark. The population of San Francisco was 837,442 in 2013. Manhattan's was 1.626 million. So your claim of being "alone and forgotten" in a place with nearly *twice* as many people as S.F. seems more like a problem of your own contrivance, Mr. Pouty Pants.

I'm going home to my city by the Bay

Then you're singing about Fremont? San Mateo? Hayward? Richmond? Specificity, man – which of "your" cities by the bay do you truly own?

I left my heart in San Francisco

Well, apparently you alone among all humans can willfully dispose of your circulatory system's central engine, and yet all you suffer is butthurt. Sounds like a scam to get meds, as any competent physician will immediately recognize.

High on a hill, it calls to me

Indeed, a close reading of these lyrics does remove any doubt that someone involved was "high," and the suggestion that a geographical location has conscious agency and can transmit any kind of data to an individual only affirms that conclusion.

To be where little cable cars climb halfway to the stars

Lies. Craven, craven lies *(see above)*. And "little?" Cablecars weigh 15,500 pounds and measure 27 feet, 6 inches long by eight feet wide.

The morning fog may chill the air, I don't care

Well why would you, in your penthouse suite at the Mark Hopkins? Never mind the bums out on Market Street, Tony – perhaps their visions of you singing a duet with Lady Gaga as viewed on a TV screen in the pawn shop window will keep them from shivering at 4 a.m., right?

My love waits there in San Francisco

With a restraining order and a palimony suit, we're guessing.

Above the blue and windy sea

Finally, the kernel of truth that lends legitimacy to this pack of lies

When I come home to you, San Francisco

Personal pronoun used to address a municipality. Grammar fail.

Your golden sun will shine for me

Well that's rather solipsistic, Mr. B. But then, you solipsists are all alike.

It appears that our friend Tony left more than his heart in San Francisco. His veracity seems to have become dislodged on some windy, winding street on the Left Coast as well.

So, a word to the wise: to take this singer or his sentimental San Francisco song too seriously would be an act of supreme foolishness.

Much ado about... what was it?

I admit it. I forget what I'm talking about sometimes. I'll be chattering along, waxing philosophic about something important-sounding and suddenly I draw a blank. Nothing. A vacuum. Total brain fart.



This is not a problem when I'm writing. I simply refer back to the previous sentence and I'm right back on track. Writing is a more suitable medium for me, and I must write —*hello*— I'm a tenured professor at a former state college that has successfully re-branded itself as a "university."

I work with words, and *words matter,* whether it's 300 or 500. I could probably tackle this piece in 40 or 50 words, but bear with me; I know how to use a semicolon, do you? I thought not.

Wait, where was I?

Anyway, where was I? Oh yes, more about myself. I enjoy watching TV, and I don't need to make excuses, because it's what I get paid to do. I need to watch TV because I lecture on mass media.

Years of habitual TV viewing has given me unique insights. I understand what's being sold and to whom.

For instance, *The Hunger Games* is often sponsored by Jack in the Box. This tells me a lot about the viewers: they are too cool for McDonalds.

They likely drink a beer with aging hipster cachet (Pabst Blue Ribbon), and they prefer Carhartts to Dickies. They smoke Marlboro Blacks, to distinguish themselves from the discount Mavericks smokers (though Mavericks will soon have their own "black" brand) and they have a Little Tree hanging from their rear-view mirror, even if they don't smoke.

Wait, where was I?

Anyway, where was I? TV watching: I enjoy watching TV, but I'm also very serious about it — so serious that I've even won awards for my writing on the subject. I've been told that I deserve these awards, but that's not for me to say.

I will confess, however, that I'm not fond of news programming. I get depressed about all the death and stuff. Seriously, why can't they put more positive developments in the news? Wouldn't this be a better world as a result? Why do we need to have our noses rubbed in the devastation in the wake of our invasion of some place that we don't know anything about?

And wouldn't it be better to hear about the sloshy drunk who made it home, rather than the one who plowed into a bicyclist? Seriously, the "vast wasteland" that Marshall McLuhan complained about is now vaster and wastier than ever.

Wait, where was I?

Take a moment to ponder these weighty subjects.

Me? I'm going to look for the remote so that I can search for an oasis in the wasteland, and yeah, I'll swing by the fridge — I don't go for that crap at Jack in the Box.

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An April Fool's Easter

Never argue with a fool,
onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.
– Mark Twain

Human futility is bottomless.
Probably that is why
the first-century Jewish reformer
groaned in the spirit as he met
with his end
between the two common criminals
who are enshrined along with him
in the crucifixion legend.
Surprisingly,
considering his reputed omniscience,
he seems not to have counted on
the permanent unteachability of humankind,
on what the Hindu had bowed to long before:
the cycle of inevitability, of futile birth and rebirth,
the dissolution of beings
made ineluctable by their own manifestation.
Palestine's reportedly preeminent Jewish radical
(self-appointed messiahs abounded)
fed the expectations
of unwashed, lice-ridden and credulous villagers
who wished to believe
the Kingdom of God was at hand.
Shrewd politician that he was,
the preternatural subversive from Judea
(or Galilee or both)
played to the Jewish crowd's monotheistic desire
for throwing off the hated Roman power,
the foreign occupier.
Anticipating Marx by some nineteen centuries,
the Chosen One averred there was to be a New Man.
The human race was to be transmogrified
into what—angels?—
but this was left typically obscure.
Apparently
the arrival of the Kingdom on earth's surface
would proceed without the human species becoming
extinct in the manner that other creatures do
in Nature's predatory kingdom,
where life is nasty, brutish and short.
Charged with blasphemy, sedition and subversion—
he was openly contemptuous
of the Pharisees and the money changers—
"God's" self-designated "son,"
a distillate of pagan salvation myths
and Greco-Roman mystery cults,
found himself hoist literally on his own petard,
the symbolic tree,
which was home to the gods millennia before
man's invention of monotheism.
Was he guilty of subversion
or merely of soaring hubris and supreme vanity,
like Caesar's?
He had claimed
(like countless claimants before him)
that he was the much-anticipated
Anointed One,
harbinger of the Metaphysical World
that would transmute this misbegotten planet
once and for all, Genesis notwithstanding.
Just why "God" had failed to proceed
with this transaction on his or her own
was left unexplained.
Predictably,
the Jewish upstart's assertion of
divine preeminence met with accusations
that he was a charlatan or a troublemaker or both.
The Sanhedrin felt threatened
by his ability to stir up the rabble and exploit
gullible ignoramuses like the Twelve Apostles.
If the legend contains a milligram of truth,
he possessed an exceptional knack
for self-advertisement and self-dramatization,
as in upending the tables of commerce
in the Temple.
His political cunning was manifest
in his indecipherable proverbs,
calculated enigmas that made it harder
to pronounce him guilty
of outright subversion.

Caesar Augustus, in contrast,
was not one for parables and proverbs.
Though he would never hear of the "Son of Man,"
he would have found the term silly and redundant.
Rome's potentate held to the conviction
that life isn't to be taken seriously.
He considered the human estate to be
a set of social pretensions and playacting.
He was reported to have muttered
with a cynical smile on his deathbed,
"Have I played my part in the farce of life
well enough?"
Had Augustus received word
of the unremarkable crucifixion
on the Mediterranean's distant east coast,
he would have yawned at its inconsequence.
Crucifixions were an everyday obscenity;
you came across them routinely
as you passed by on the roads,
a macabre public service announcement
from the Empire to behave yourself
and thrive under the Pax Romana.
There was nothing unique
about crucifixion in the ancient world.
Herodotus reported in his Histories
that the Athenians crucified
a Persian general in 479 B.C.
(There is no new thing under the sun.)

So the Galilean's quietus drew scant notice,
in keeping with the nameless
203 million martyrs to religious belief
that have accumulated since 33 A.D.,
among all faiths combined.
(We are still counting, or Al Qaeda is.)
The world goes right on casting lots
as it has always done,
tossing dice as it has always done,
thrilling to circuses, sex and distraction
as it has always done.
It was everydayness that prevailed
on Jerusalem's outskirts that "good" Friday,
not the divine.
(painted by Brueghel in Christ Carrying the Cross)

He died for what he needed to believe,
clung to the foolishness of Faith
despite his agonizing (and well-founded) doubts
at both Gethsethmane and Golgotha.
His life and homilies were said to herald
the End of Politics and History,
but he was consumed by the savagery of both.
The End remains out of sight,
the Kingdom's arrival out of reach,
except in fantasy and hallucination.
As he breathed his last,
he reportedly uttered the truest thing he ever said:
"Forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Of course we don't.
We are wayward, fleeting creatures
in an impersonal universe
where human intention is abortive
and our existence beyond our intelligence.
Fools, in other words

– Paul Mann



ASTROPUNCTURIST Practitioner Aura-Dora Angora Sparklefeather. AB | UNION

Alt-med innovator deleted for dealing double dose of woo

Geneva Sans Serif
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ARCATA – Influential Astrologer-acupuncturist Dr. Aura-Dora Angora Sparklefeather has had her alternative medical license and all office dreamcatchers and candles recalled and revoked over questionable practices.

Sparklefeather, who does a weekly radio segment for KHSU-BBC, was bounced for hybridizing two incompatible alt-med-psych practices.

"Everyone knows you risk the wrath of Gaia when you plug your meridians into the energy of space," said Sadie Swandruff, chief science officer for the New Woo Review Board (NWRB).

The NWRB was formed and empowered to act as a licensing authority for all alternative medicine and spiritual therapies during special rites at the 2013 Global Mind-Body Marketing Congress.

As is traditional in the alternative medicine community, rigorous self-policing and peer scrutiny means swift and robust penalties against practitioners who offer medical misinformation, or who accept fees for worthless or dangerous treatments.

Swandruff explained that despite the scientifically proven benefits of being able to double bill a client for services, Sparklefeather had risked the health of those in her care by installing acupuncture needles while simultaneously reading the patients their horoscopes. That risked the needles' acting as miniature antennas, forming an interferometric array.

Under certain alignments of celestial bodies, the tiny "homeopathic antennas" could collect raw cosmic energy and send it directly into their meridians, possibly blowing out their chakras with "quantum overload."

"Unless you have some crystals in the room to draw off some of that energy, you're looking at a potential chakra-volcano," Swandruff advised. "Just for starters, that would immediately boil the brains of every Reiki master within 400 miles."

Sparklefeather was unavailable for comment, as she had been hired to direct a community "wave-shaming" circle near Widow White Creek in McKinkeyville.

It isn't as though Sparklefeather didn't have more sensible alternatives to her dangerous fusion of alternative therapies.

Swandruff said she could have mingled her astrology with past-life regression without ill effects. "Or how about homeopathic acupuncture? Although the market for that is kind of saturated," she joked.

Dell'Arte to revive TV classics

MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International, known for connecting artists to the community, plans to massively expand its audience by pursuing more mainstream productions guaranteed to fill theatre seats.

"We're going to stop clowning around and finally get serious about show biz," declared Dell'Arte Board President Michael Fields as he unveiled a list of classic TV shows to be re-enacted by an acting troupe assembled specifically for the upcoming theatre season.

Unfortunately, just one individual volunteered to join the cast, so all roles will be performed by former Humboldt State President and aspiring thespian Rollin Richmond.



ROLLIN'S ROLES Rollin Richmond IS Colonel Klink! TT | UNION

The Summer in Sunny Blue Lake season kicks off with a production of *Magnum PI,* with Richmond in the coveted role of Thomas Sullivan Magnum IV.

That 15-night run will be followed by the Cavalcade of Comedy, a nightly set of three vintage sitcoms. Richmond will star as beloved concentration camp overlord Colonel Wilhelm Klink and jolly Sgt. Hans Schultz in *Hogan's Heroes,* hot housewife-witch Samantha Stevens in *Bewitched* and Buttons the chimpanzee in *Me and the Chimp.*

Richmond, having fully recovered from hip surgery, plans to re-imagine the roles, incorporating acrobatics, plate-spinning and juggling.

The season climax will feature Richmond portraying every character in an ambitious stage reproduction of Internet hit *Too Many Cooks.*



STERN TASKMASTER Sherae O'Shaugnnessy's willing minions subject themselves to her strict public service discipline outside Arcata's well-staffed new loo. PHOTOS BY PDQ | UNION

The legend of 'Lady Loo'

Pixton DuQuesne Jr.
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATALANDIA – Comedienne and radio personality Sherae O'Shaugnessy has a new passion, and Arcata is reaping the relief.

The Humboldt-famous star of stage and radio has also become a celebrity in the blue-tinged shadows of Eighth and F streets, where Arcata's new Portland Loo casts its comforting glow.

O'Shaugnessy has apparently been volunteering as a sort of potty docent, explaining the loo's functions while dispensing both usage advisories and toilet paper.

She even appears to have cobbled together a sort of uniform, complete with a logo bearing her image that reads "Lady Loo."

The comely comedienne has been spotted in the area at all hours, and admits that she basically spends all her free time hanging out around the rotund obelisk, helping users whether they like it or not.

City officials were initially unsure whether to cite O'Shaugnessy for meritorious service or pursue a restraining order.

"Public service takes many forms," she explained. "I feel it's my calling. Literally, that impact-resitant fixture gurgles out to me like a cry in the night."

APD first became aware of O'Shaugnessy's magnificent metallic obsession when they noticed her training her "troops" – a small squad of volunteer hobo-hangabouts from nearby Veterans Memorial Park.



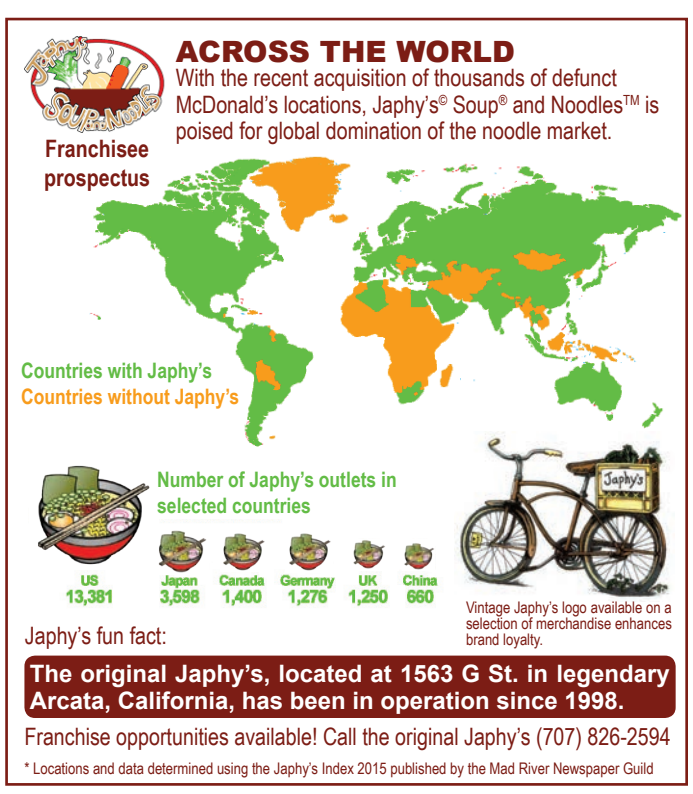
WHO CAN TURN THE WORLD ON with her vaguely disturbing smile?

"She had them lined up with their scrub brushes and was reviewing them like a drill sergeant," said Officer Luke Scown. "It was un-*can-ny*," he added. "Ha ha ha."

The self-appointed toilet docent/laugh-lady offers a range of assistive services for loo users, including hygeine education, pro-tips, assistive listening devices, tissue – even candies for that post-go reward.













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Home invasion robbery in McK

HCSO

McKINLYVILLE – Three suspects were arrested Saturday, March 28 for an attempted home invasion robbery which was thwarted by the armed victim.

On Saturday evening the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) received a call for service regarding a possible home invasion robbery occurring on the 1900 block of Ocean Drive in McKinleyville.

It was reported that firearms may be involved, and shots may have been fired. Deputies responded to the area and with the assistance of officers from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), set up a perimeter, and secured the scene.

Deputies contacted one of the victims and learned that he had thwarted the attempted robbery by arming himself and confronting the suspects. Deputies were able to determine the suspects did not fire any weapons during this incident, and fled prior to their arrival. No one was believed to have been injured.

The victims in this case knew the suspects, and were able to identify them by name.

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Businesses battle back

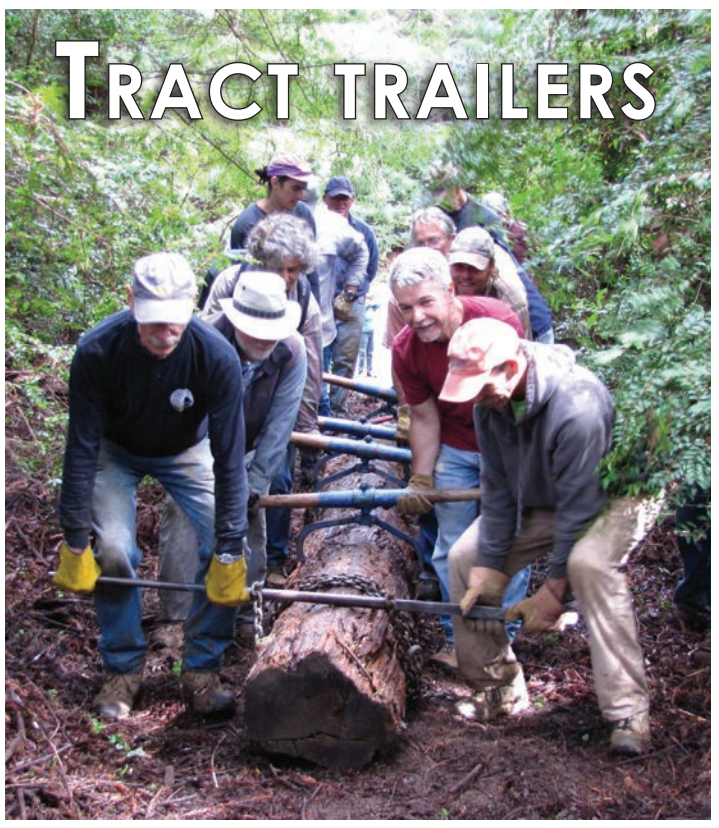
John Ross Ferrara
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Crime has become all too common for downtown Arcata business owners like Jane Williams. The Bang! Bang! shopkeeper said instead of focusing her attention on bettering her business, she spends her days shooing vagrants from her doorway, stopping fights and calling the police.

"The stories are endless. It's a lot more dangerous than people realize," Williams said. "It's frightening and exhausting. There have been a number of stabbings in the alley next to my store and you see drug use all the time."

In an effort to fight back, Arcata Main Street President Victoria Joyce is organizing a neighborhood watch program called the Ar-

DOWNTOWN ❖ B4









BURLY BRAE Some 27 forest workers from the Volunteer Trail Stewards turned out for Saturday's workday in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest. They scraped 300 feet of new trail corridor, dug out numerous root wads, carried three 14-foot redwood logs with timber carriers into the corridor to serve as crib logs, scarified and rehabilitated 200 feet of old skid trail and planted 25 sword ferns to rehab an edge of an old log landing. Maureen McGarry of RSVP provided volunteers with plenty of food for breakfast and lunch, including turkey and cheese sandwiches, home-made cookies, apples, bananas and beverages. The next city volunteer workday is Saturday, April 11, partnering with Americorp, Humboldt Fish Action Council and the Humboldt State Natural Resources Club to remove ivy, clean up illegal camp areas and plant willow sprigs along Janes Creek near Westwood Manor Park. PHOTOS BY MAUREEN MCGARRY | RSVP

Fishing industry needs are detailed

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT BAY – In a presentation to an audience that included City of Eureka and Harbor District officials, the vice president of the Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association emphasized the fishing fleet's need for cold storage and other infrastructure.

Sponsored by the Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group, the March 26 event at the Samoa Cookhouse restaurant featured fisherman Ken Bates, the association's land use specialist. He said infrastructure that supports commercial fishing is essential to its advancement.

Bates recounted past history of actions that favored visitor-serving development over commercial fishing. But he said that in the last decade,

FISHING ❖ B5

Budgeteers broach bold new ideas

Ball Park rental, special taxes on bars and motels

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

CITY HALL – The last General Fund Budget Task Force (BTF) was among the most productive City of Arcata meetings in memory, an energized idea foundry, heated at times, in which informed citizens, several with deep municipal experience, offered – or at least aired publically – new ideas, and took on some hitherto sacrosanct Arcata features.

With a City Council facing intractable budget shortfalls and looking to this volunteer body for budget direction, it's going to get it, with ideas that will force hard choices that could shape Arcata for years to come.

Ironically, the Budget Task Force discussed, among many other cost-saving and revenue generating measures, reducing the number of volunteer citizen groups that serve the council and city.

Finance Manager Janet Luzzi distributed a list created by City Manager Karen Diemer, of city departments and their budget reduction targets, based on total desired cuts of $640,000.

Chair Kash Boodjeh wanted more detail on how the city's budget unraveled to the point that reserves were exhausted. "That's why we have reserves, so we can ride out these contingencies, and that's

BTF ❖ B3

Local sheriff, police chiefs back Obama's enforcement proposals

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/EUREKA – Humboldt's top law enforcement officials endorse as long overdue the new White House call for deeper, more open police engagement with their communities, although they caution against some of the specific recommendations in the Interim Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

In particular, they oppose the introduction of any more high level policy prescriptions if the government fails to bankroll them, known as unfunded mandates. They are also hesitant about the task force call for annual officer mental health checkups, owing to privacy concerns and how the examinations would be negotiated with the unions and police associations.


Mike Downey

In the main, however, Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey, Eureka Police Chief Andy Mills and Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman said in one-on-one interviews last week that, although much work remains to be done, their agencies are actively part of the White House drive

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ROAD WORK AHEAD The City of Arcata has contracted with RAO Construction to retrofit the parking lot at Seventh and G streets and the intersection of 16th and L streets to improve water quality and drainage through a low impact development design. Work involves drainage and concrete improvements at 16th and L streets and of the Seventh and G streets parking lot. Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, April 6 and should be completed by Friday, June 5. The parking lot will remain closed during the construction period from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. On the days of scheduled work, please follow all directions and traffic control devices within the project area. If problems are encountered, please contact the contractor, RAO Construction, at (707) 443-2118 or Netra Khatri, deputy Public Works director, at (707) 825-2173.

PRESS VS. CORRUPTION Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporter Dean Calbreath will speak about the role of our press as a check on government corruption Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room at Humboldt State Universty. He was a member of a team of reporters at the *San Diego Union-Tribune* that exposed massive bribery involving U.S. Congressman Duke Cunningham and is co-author of the book *The Wrong Stuff*. Free admission.

THURSDAY NIGHT TALK This week on KHSU-BBC's *Thursday Night Talk,* enjoy a bit of Eureka history and a visit to the Annie B. Ryan House and garden featuring guests Ron and Melanie Kuhnel, Monty Caid and Bill Peer. Many volunteer hours are going into restoring this late 19th century house to its former glory. Take a tour of one of Eureka's oldest structures with some of the folks who are bringing it back to life. Tune in this Thursday, April 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. on KHSU 90.5 FM. *khsu.org*

NORCAN LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE The Northern California Association of Nonprofits invites the public to April's Board Leadership Roundtable. This event, which is geared toward board members and those who work with them, is on Monday, April 6 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. This month's topic is Nonprofit Board Recruitment. There are over 800 nonprofits in Humboldt County, all of which must have at least three board members. That means that there are at least 2400 board members serving in Humboldt County – no wonder organizations have trouble finding people to serve on their boards. This roundtable will examine what works in recruiting board members and how an organization can use its uniqueness to attract the right board members. Admission is $10 for NorCAN members and $20 for non-members. (707) 442-2993, *norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org*

BIG TIME The eighth Annual Humboldt State University California Big Time & Social Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Humboldt State University in the West Gym, Forbes Complex. The Big Time helps strengthen and reinforce religious tribal identity among students, youth and communities. Learn about ceremonial dances, regalia, songs, history and traditions. Native American vendors will be selling their arts and crafts. *More details on page C3.*

WATER GARDENING Patti Rose will present a photo show "A Survey of Water Features" during the next meeting of the North Coast Water Garden Club on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Yacht Room of the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka.

Silver Lining closes in McKinleyville

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – The Silver Lining Restaurant – a fixture in McKinleyville for more than three decades – closed its doors last week at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport.

The restaurant was operated by the Lakey family, which ran the business for the past 12 years. The Lakeys also operated the downstairs airport gift store, which is now also closed.

In an email, Mandala Lakey declined to be interviewed, stating that a March 26 Facebook posting announcing the closure communicated her family's sentiments.

The posting states, "Hello friends and neighbors! We would like to announce that after 12 wonderful years, we have decided to close our restaurant. We are so very grateful for you, our locals, for all of the love, support and great times we had with you, and look forward to sharing this great community together in any future endeavors. With Love in our Hearts, The Lakey Family."

Aviation Division Program Manager Emily Jacobs said that the Lakeys were leasing the restaurant from the county for $2,225 a month. The airport is now searching for someone to take over the facility, she said.

"It's an excellent opportunity for the right restaurateur," Jacobs said.

The restaurant is located upstairs and has sweeping views of the airport runway. It has a full bar and can stay open late, she said. Although the Lakeys operated both the gift shop and restaurant, the two facilities can be operated separately, Jacobs said. Rents are negotiable.

The Humboldt County Aviation Division can be reached at (707) 839-5401.

Jammie Jog coming

Debi Farber Bush
JAMMIE JOG

ARCATA – Roll out of bed Sunday, April 26, and head down to the Jammie Jog II, a fun 5K and one-mile walk/jog from at 9 to 11:30 a.m. The race begins and finishes in front of Los Bagels, 1061 I St. in Arcata. Trainers from Fit NorCal will get you warmed up and ready to move and our friends from the Jogg'n Shoppe and Six Rivers Running Club will be at the finish to clock your time.

Joggers are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite onesie and PJs for the Pajama Party at the finish line, with breakfast for runners provided by Los Bagels, Ramones, T's Café, Kinetic Koffee and Eureka Naturals Foods, plus music by the Jim Lahman Band, awards for first place and best PJ outfit in four different age groups, children's activities and lots of fun.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Humboldt Trails Council (HTC) Volunteer Trail Stewards program, supporting city and county staff in maintaining our multi-use trails. The volunteers help by cleaning up garbage, constructing new trails, building fences, removing graffiti, and much more. HTC is a local non-profit that works to develop and maintain trails in Humboldt County. Visit *humtrails.org*.

Jammie Joggers can register online at *active.com* and/or *humtrails.org* before Wednesday, April 22, in person at the Jogg'n Shoppe, 1090 G St. in Arcata on Saturday, April 25 from noon to 4 p.m, and on race day between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in front of Los Bagels. Registration is $20 for the 5K, $15 for the one-mile and $5 for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact Debi Farber Bush at (707) 845-3873 or *farberbush@greenwaypartners.net*.

McKMAC says no, not now, to dispute committee

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – Members of Mack Town's advisory committee seem to agree in concept with the idea of having a special committee to mediate disputes in mobile home parks, but there's disagreement as to the timing of its formation.

At its meeting March 25, the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) voted 3-2 against recommending that the Board of Supervisors reconstitute the Mobile Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee.

The county's dispute resolution committee was created in 1994, later disbanded, then reestablished in 2004. The committee was again disbanded in 2006. The committee helped mediate complaints when they came from a substantial number of park residents.

The current interest in bringing the committee back to life is spurred by the impending purchase of Ocean West Senior Village on Murray Road in McKinleyville by a company called Inspire Communities. Some residents of the park fear that Inspire will unreasonably jack up the rents after it acquires Ocean West.

A group of homeowners had asked the McKMAC to support an ordinance enacting rent control for the county's mobile home parks, but that idea was unanimously rejected by the McKMAC on Jan. 21. As an alternative to rent control, McKMAC member Barbara Georgianna suggested looking at the dispute resolution committee.

The committee, if resurrected in its previous form, would have seven members – three representing mobile home park owners, three representing park residents and another appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as the chair. The committee would mediate disputes, but would have no authority to actually control or limit rent increases.

The committee was formed back in 1994 when a park owner in Trinidad tried to raise rents by 18 percent, according to McKMAC Chair Ben Shepherd. The committee worked informally and was apparently successful in solving disputes.

"The reality is that this is a deterrent to bad behavior," said McKMAC member Craig Tucker about the committee.

Ocean West resident Hilary Mosher, who has led the fight for rent control, said she was supportive of having the committee reformed.

"I think it's worth a try," Mosher said.

Another Ocean West resident also supported the action. "A baby step forward is better than no step at all," he told the McKMAC.

But when it came time for the board to consider the matter, Chair Ben Shepherd said he had reservations about asking the Board of Supervisors to bring the committee back to life at this point in time. The problem, Shepherd said, is that there is no actual dispute right now. The committee wouldn't have anything to mediate.

McKMAC member Greg Orsini agreed, noting that there's a perceived problem, but not an actual problem. The purchase of Ocean West hasn't gone through and it's uncertain how much Inspire will raise the rents.

"Right now it's hypothetical," Shepherd said. "Something might happen, but we don't know." He suggested that the committee wait until something happens before asking for the committee to be reformed.

The board ultimately voted 3-2 against recommending that the county bring the committee back to life. Voting in favor of the committee were Georgianna and Tucker. Voting no were Shepherd, Pat Barsanti and John Corbett. Orsini is a non-voting member of the McKMAC.

The McKMAC can be reached at *mckinleyvillemac@gmail.com*.

Learn to keep it clean & healthy in the kitchen

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA – College of the Redwoods will be offering a ServSafe Certification Class on Tuesday, April 7. ServSafe Certification is valued by restaurants and other locations serving food because they are required to have ServSafe certified people on their staff.

Participants learn to properly and safely prepare, handle and serve food for restaurants, cafes, shops and any establishments that serve food and drinks. Topics covered include the importance of food safety, personal hygiene, time and temperature control, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing, receiving and storing food, methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food, food safety regulations and more. Participants who pass the examination will receive a ServSafe Food Manager's certificate from the National Restaurant Association. ServSafe certification is valid for five years.

It is important to read the textbook before attending class, so register at least a week ahead of class to allow time.

The class size is limited, so early registration is recommended. This one-day class is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at CR's Downtown Instruction Site at 525 D St. in Eureka. The fee for this class is $175 and includes the textbook, instructor-led class and the Certification Exam.

For more information and to register, call College of the Redwoods Business Training Center at (707) 476-4500. Information is also available at *redwoods.edu/departments/community-ed/servsafe.asp*.

This training is offered through College of the Redwoods Business Training Center to meet the community's need for continuing education and training for current and new employees.







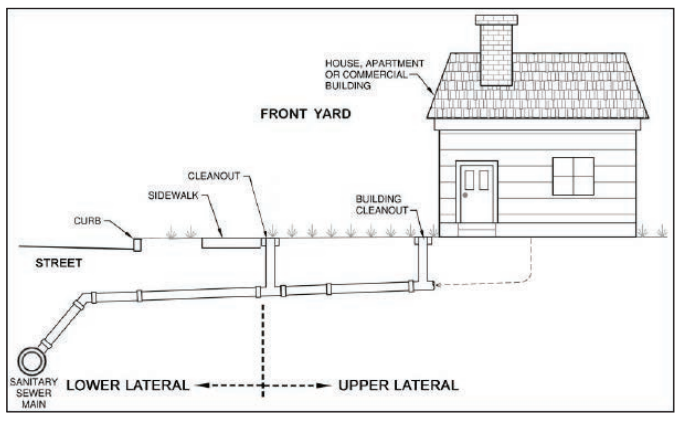
City: fix laterals at house sale time

Kevin L. Hoover
Mad River Union

ARCATA – The City of Arcata creates about two million gallons of drinking water per day, most of which must then be processed as sewage. However, another several million gallons of water infiltrates into the sewage system through leaky pipes, maxing out the wastewater treatment plant and possibly limiting future development in town.

The opposite is the problem, too – sewage leaks out of pipes and contaminates Humboldt Bay, resulting in fines and environmental damage.

To address the problem, the city would like to require owners of properties that are more than 20 years old to have their laterals – the pipe that carries waste to the sewer system – inspected when the property sells and, if necessary, replaced.



POOPY PIPELINE Laterals carry wastes from homes and businesses to the sewer system. Graphic courtesy City of Arcata

Costs could include $150 or so for a test. If a new lateral is required, the property owner could have to spend as much as $6,000 to $10,000 for repairs.

City officials explained the matter a a sparsely-attended meeting last week.

"We're just trying to get as many upgrades as possible," said Environmental Services Director Mark Andre.

The Humboldt Association of Realtors opposes the proposed amendment to the Arcata Municipal Code that would impose the requirement on grounds that it places an unfair burden on homebuyers and sellers and could harm sales. The HAR proposes voluntary approaches instead.

The matter will be considered by the City Council, with a July 1 target date for implementation.

Trippy new ad campaign extols 'magic'

Kevin L. Hoover
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – A new campaign to boost local tourism and the number of visitors renting hotel and motel rooms extols Humboldt as a magical wonderland. In fact, it's based in part on the adventures of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Developed by the Sacramento-based Misfit advertising agency at the behest of the Humboldt Lodging Alliance (HLA), the campaign includes a video fantasy of Alice falling into a magical Humboldt wonderland, plus print advertising, online banner ads and short videos for social media that depict vignettes from everyday life.

The campaign was well received by attendees during its unveiling last week at Eureka's Carson Mansion.

"We want to position Humboldt County as a destination that offers something different and magical," said Chris Ambrosini, HLA president.

"The real star is Humboldt County," said Misfit's Matt Kolbert. "We want to connect in an emotionally powerful way that gets [visitors] to come back."

Kolbert hoped the campaign would inspire Humboldters to act as "brand ambassadors," reinforcing the message. "Let's spread the word," he said. *humboldtlodging.com*



WONDERLANDERS Present at the unveiling of the new HLA ad campaign at Eureka's Carson Mansion were Arcata energy consulting partners Sean Armstrong and Mayor Michael Winkler, left and right, and Redwood Lily eco-hostel manager Brooke Gleason, center. *redwoodlily.com* KLH | Union

BTF | Hauser to tell City Council not to give itself a raise while budget cuts loom

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what we did," Luzzi said. She said the responsible City Councils had been fully apprised all along.

Boodjeh advocated projecting and setting aside funds for anticipated expenses of new projects so as to avert tapping into reserves. "We might as well just do this so we get out of it ahead," he said.

"Absolutely, I'm with you on that," Luzzi said.

Thence came forth from various members a stream of new ideas, some mildly audacious, to raise funds here and there.

Boodjeh suggested a "rounding up" option for water customers to help raise revenue for the General Fund. He also proposed fees for service by the most frequent consumers of police services.

"I can think of about seven bars and a few motels on Valley West that would qualify," said member and APD Officer Richard Bergstresser. He said Motel 6 is now coordinating with police to resolve chronic crime problems.

Member and former City Manager Dan Hauser said the city had looked into a tax on the service-needy Plaza bars, but that "the state shot it down."

Member Robin Hashem suggested a possible tax on rental homes whose residents have four or more vehicles, as these tend to create more party-related calls for service.

Luzzi said she has hired someone to search online for Arcata-based vacation rentals such as Airbnb. Those that have been uncovered have been sent paperwork for charging the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), or bed tax.

Bergstresser then broached a topic sure to inspire conversation – the use of the Arcata Ball Park for revenue-generating events. Use of the ball park is restricted by certain covenants.

"I think we treat the ball park a little too preciously," Bergstresser said. "I know of promoters who wanted to use it in ways that would have generated revenue."

Member and Deputy Community Development Director David Loya suggested that the BTF attempt to identify $200,000 in new revenues.

Other ideas aired included an increase in the Utility Users Tax, TOT, increased parking penalties, marketing city rental venues, renegotiating garbage contracts and stormwater fees and enhancing revenues generated by the Recreation Division.

Member and former City Council member Michael Machi noted that the City of Santa Rosa, with a population about 10 times that of Arcata, has 15 police dispatchers while Arcata has 6.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) dispatchers.

He wondered whether area police departments could consolidate their dispatchers.

Luzzi said the proposal had been floated before, but failed because the City of Eureka rejected it, but that it "would absolutely save money." Bergstresser said there would be initialization costs, and that a meeting of area police chiefs and city managers would be required.

At a subsequent City Council Goal Setting meeting, Police Chief Tom Chapman said that the dispatcher consolidation probably isn't realistic at this time. He said it would have impacts on Arcata that would have to be considered, including certain reductions of service. The main APD station would no longer be staffed around the clock, so those seeking refuge there in the middle of the night would have to call for an officer.

Hauser said it was a bad idea for City Council members to give themselves a pay raise at this time. It was suggested that inadequate compensation might deter citizens from running. But Hauser, who was a council member in the 1970s, noted that "We didn't have trouble attracting candidates when they got $150 per month."

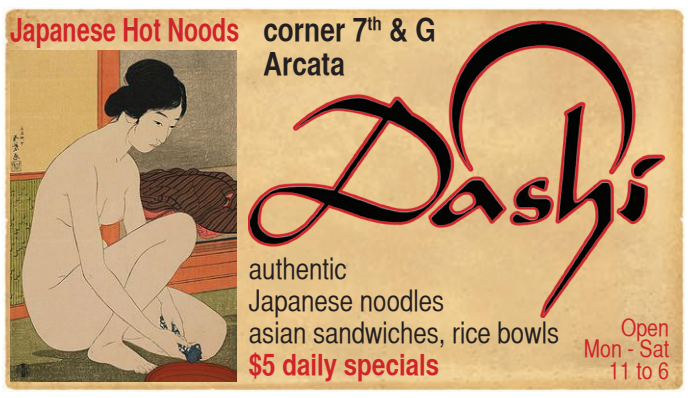
The city's five council members each receive $484.67 a month. The city also offers the council members health insurance and pays a large portion of their premiums. Its last salary increase was four years ago, and the council is considering hiking its own pay to as much as $581.60 a month.

"I think that it is absolutely tone deaf to ask for a pay increase in this environment," Bergstresser said.

Boodjeh suggested that the influential Hauser address the council and advise it against a pay raise. Hauser said he would do so if he had the unanimous agreement of the BTF. The committee will create a letter for presentation by Hauser to the council expressing its views on the matter.

The meeting wound up with a discussion of the many citizen committees and commissions, their responsibilities and value to the city – and the costly overhead they create in terms of support by city staff.

The costly committees and commissions will be evaluated as to which ones might be consolidated or eliminated to reduce expenses. The Budget Task Force's next meeting is Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.







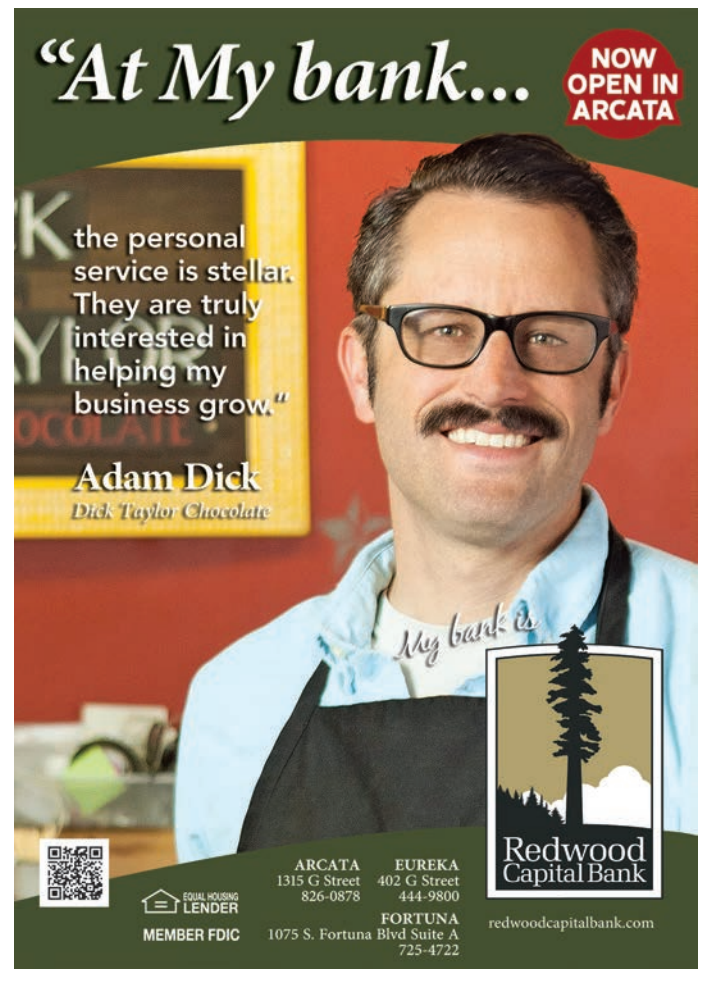












Manilans to probe the future

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION MEETING
❖ **When:** Wednesday, April 8, 5 to 7 p.m.
MANILA VISIONING MEETING (IDEAS)
❖ **When:** Sunday, April 12, 1 to 5:30 p.m.
MANILA VISIONING MEETING (RESULTS)
❖ **When:** Sunday, April 26, 1 to 5:30 p.m.
❖ **Where:** All meetings are at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila

MANILA – There are three upcoming meetings in Manila that could lead to projects with the potential of transforming the sandy outpost. One meeting deals with pedestrian and bicycle improvements for the peninsula town, while the other two are about coming up with a "vision" for the Manila Community Center.

Caltrans Open House

The first meeting is on Wednesday, April 8 and will give residents an opportunity to give the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) input on the types of pedestrian and bicycle improvements they want in town.

Caltrans will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila, to hear the public's thoughts on non-motorized transportation improvements.

Caltrans has teamed up with Humboldt County Public Works to apply for a grant to pay for improvements. During a Feb. 18 meeting of the Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD), a Caltrans representative discussed some of the proposed projects. One idea is to have a Class 1 pathway, separated from traffic like the Hammond Trail, through town on the west side of State Highway 255. Other ideas include installing colorized bicycle lanes on either side of the highway and lighting at key intersections.

The input received at the open house will be considered when Caltrans applies for a state Active Transportation Grant. If Caltrans is successful, funding for the improvements may be available by the end of the year.

Manila Visioning

The unincorporated town's long-awaited "visioning" process kicks off with two meetings, one on Sunday, April 12 and the other on Sunday, April 26. Both will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Manila Community Center.

"Lately the Manila district has been asked to consider various planning scenarios, given the chang es going on in Manila and the burgeoning changes in Samoa," stated Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) President John Woolley. "All this has caused many to talk about and discuss issues peninsula wide. The 'visioning process' for Manila is a good first step in tapping into those thoughts, getting them to be recorded and using them to consider what future planning for Manila may entail."

The visioning is focused on, but not limited to, the Manila Community Center, owned by the Manila CSD. At the first meeting, participants will be asked to come up with ideas for the center's future. The results of the first meeting will be reviewed at the second meeting.

Those who want to share their ideas for the center must attend the first meeting.

During the first hour of the meeting, the history of the Manila CSD will be discussed and there will be presentations from the Manila Family Resource Center and Redwood Coast Montessori, both housed at the center.

Attendees will then break into small groups to discuss their ideas for the center. By 3:15 p.m., the small groups are scheduled to make presentations on their ideas. At 5 p.m. attendees will start planning for the April 26 meeting.



A TOWN DIVIDED State Route 255 slices through the middle of Manila, splitting the town into two sides – the bay side and the ocean side. Caltrans is seeking public input on proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. JD | UNION

Supes get bogged down in glossary

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Concerns over the glossary section of the county's draft General Plan Update (GPU) have prevented its approval; it will be the focus of a separate hearing.

Supervisors were unable to complete a review of the update's glossary at a March 23 hearing, the second one on the section. Representatives of real estate and home builder groups had concerns about several definitions. Craig Compton of the Green Diamond timber company said it is "critical" that the county's Forestry Review Committee (FRC) double-check terms that are relevant to forestry.

As discussion on various definitions dragged, Supervisor Ryan Sundberg tried to prod the proceedings forward. "It feels like we could go on forever trying to define the glossary and make it perfect but there's got to be some point where we can say, 'Okay, it's good enough'," he said.

Sundberg added, "My worry is that we're going to get so far in the weeds here and this is going to get stalled out at this point."

He asked Planning Director Kevin Hamblin whether the glossary could be revisited toward the end of the update process and was told that it could be.

Supervisor Rex Bohn said a variety of groups should be given the chance to review the glossary.

But the update's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will have to be re-circulated due to changes made to the draft approved by the county's Planning Commission in 2012. "The question is a matter of timing – at whar point do we launch the EIR with what we've got and when do we call that good," said Senior Planner Michael Richardson.

"I'm not sure what the expectations are from these groups about when they'd be completing their consistency review but ideally…" he continued, as Bohn talked over the last part of the sentence.

"If you do not have an opportunity for these groups to speak, it's not going to be good," Bohn said.

"Well they've been speaking for a lot of time here," Richardson responded.

Supervisor Mark Lovelace differentiated between groups like the FRC, whose members are appointed by supervisors, and "unsanctioned" special interest groups.

With the hearing in a gridlock, Board Chair Estelle Fennell noted that an "extra meeting" set aside for unresolved GPU issues is scheduled for April 27. She recommended revisiting the glossary then instead of doing it later, when the update's consistency review will also be happening.

Senior Planner Rob Wall agreed, saying the consistency review will be an "important milestone" and the content of the update's sections should be fully reviewed by then.

Supervisors voted to continue the glossary review to the April 27 meeting.

Take Back the Night events on April 10

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

ARCATA – Local observances of international Take Back the Night are scheduled for Friday, April 10, with opening events slated to begin at 5 p.m. at Humboldt State University and continuing at the Arcata Plaza throughout the evening.

Take Back The Night is the international 501(c)3 charitable foundation, launched in 1973, that lobbies against sexual violence in all its forms, with events and activities in some 30 countries worldwide.

The North Coast public is invited to preliminary engagements at the university, comprising a rally with music at 5 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room on the second floor of University Center opposite the Clock Tower, and a Survivor Speak-Out in the same location, from 6 to 9 p.m., to break the silence that often surrounds sexual trauma.

Three evening events will follow:

• 9 to 9:45 p.m. "Identified Women" March to Arcata Plaza: People who identify as women will march across the HSU campus to Arcata to protest the disproportionate sexualized violence against women-identified individuals.

• 9:45 to 10:15 p.m. Community of All Genders Ceremony and Vigil at the Plaza: Upon the marchers' arrival, community advocates will join with them in a brief ceremony honoring Take Back the Night. A vigil will follow in memory of those who have died as a result of sexual/sexualized violence.

• 10:15 to 11 p.m. Community of All Genders March: Advocates and marchers depart the Plaza for the campus to demonstrate solidarity against sexualized trauma and violence.

A 2013 National Research Council analysis concluded that rape and sexual assault are seriously underreported in the United States. In 2010 alone, figures compiled by three separate agencies diverged dramatically: The National Crime Victimization Survey counted 188,380; the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey found nearly 1.3 million; the FBI estimate was lowest, based on rape or attempted rape as reported by local law enforcement — 85,593.

Under-reporting is believed to be an international phenomenon as well as a national one. South Africa is estimated to have 500,000 rapes per year, Egypt 200,000, China 32,000 and the United Kingdom 85,000, about the same as the FBI's reported level for the United States in 2010.

The Arcata observances are sponsored jointly by the North Coast Rape Crisis Team, the non-profit that provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones in Humboldt County (hotline (707) 445-2881) and Del Norte County (hotline (707) 465-2851); and Humboldt State's Women's Resource Center, (707)826-4216, which links students to sexual assault and domestic violence survivor resources at h*suwomen@humboldt.edu* and *humboldt.edu/hsuwomen/rosaparks*.

Sewer rate increase for Mack Town

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – Residents of McKinleyville will likely see significant increases in their sewer bills over the next five years.

The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) is proposing to raise rates 20 percent in the 2015/2016 fiscal year and 20 percent the following fiscal year. After that, sewer customers may see 10 percent increased every year for three years.

The whopping increases would pay for a portion of a $16.6 million upgrade to the MCSD Wastewater Treatment Plant at Hiller Park. The plant would be transformed from a pond system to a state-of-the-art mechanical treatment system. The purpose of the upgrade is to keep the district in compliance with ever-stricter state regulations. Failure to stay in compliance could result in thousands of dollars in fines for each day the district fails to meet discharge requirements.

The increase would also pay for infrastructure improvements to the rest of the sewer system.

A public hearing on the proposed rate hike will be held at the MCSD Board of Directors meeting tonight, April 1, starting at 7 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville.

For an average single family home using 800 cubic feet of water per month, the sewer portion of the MCSD's monthly bill would increase from $29.49 to $36.55, an increase of $7.06.

Under Prop. 218, residents can stop the increase if written protests are received from residents representing a majority of the affected parcels in town. The deadline for submitting protests and the final public hearing will be June 3. That hearing begins at 7 p.m., also at Azalea Hall.

Detailed information about the rate increase, including a financial analysis, is available at *mckinleyvillecsd.com*.

Also at tonight's meeting, the board will discuss a proposal to install solar panels at the sewer plant.

Preparations under way for OysterFest

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Save the Date! The 25th anniversary Arcata Bay Oyster Festival is Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the Arcata Plaza.

Applications are being accepted until early April for food and artisan vendors, nonprofit organizations, kid's area activities and sponsorship opportunities. Volunteers are still needed the day of the festival and ahead of time, earning T-shirts, wristbands, beer and more. Visit *oysterfestival.net* for more information and to download the forms.

OysterFest will commemorate this quarter century milestone with the traditional Oyster Calling, Shuck-n-Swallow, Best Oyster and Best Window contests, beer from every local brewery, expanded local wine selection and tasting and, new this year, Humboldt Cider. Music will be announced in April.

Humboldt Made members will have their own street, along with the return of Playhouse Arts, Kinetic Kars, SCRAP Humboldt Art, an awesome new Kids' Area, expanded merchandise, lots and lots of oysters and food and much more.

The Farmers' Market will be in full swing along I Street up to the Plaza.

Re-fillable commemorative steel cups will be provided to help reduce waste, and shuttles offer easy access to the Plaza without the hassle of cars and parking.

On Thursday, May 21, kick off the final month before OysterFest with *The Humboldt Bay Project: A Negotiable Utopia* in the Plaza View Room. Cynthia Hooper's reception for her videos will include a raw oyster bar, finger food, paired wines and a presentation plus discussion with local leaders regarding Humboldt Bay aquaculture, economy and culture. Watch for more information next month.

OysterFest Headquarters (OHQ) is located at 839 Ninth St., Ste. F, in the Prosperity Real Estate/Hunt Building. Enter through the sculpture courtyard; OHQ is the last window on the right. Regular office hours are 2 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Call Nancy Stephenson at (707) 822-4500 or email a*rcatamainstreet@gmail.com* for more information.

Downtown | Businesses unite

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cata Downtown Business Watch. Two meetings have been held so far and Joyce plans to continue connecting downtown Arcata business owners a few blocks at a time.

"Between the two meetings I would say we have 30 to 35 people signed up. It's amazing," Joyce said. "I love to hear people's stories and having the chance to get together. We're keeping our sidewalks clean and I think the more we talk to each other, the more we can create a supportive community."

The first group of business and property owners within the Ninth Street corridor met at Sew What on March 25 to establish a method of communication and to discuss possible crime solutions.

After about an hour of business owners venting and sharing stories, APD Officer Luke Scown, who patrols the Plaza, addressed their concerns and suggested possible solutions to their problems.

"If you see someone sleeping outside your business and want to ask them to move along, go ahead, it's totally within your right," Scown said. "If you feel uncomfortable, give us a call. But oftentimes applying that subtle pressure is effective."

Store owners also used the meeting as an opportunity to express their dissatisfaction with the APD's ability to remove vagrants from the area. Scown said giving loitering tickets to vagrants is often unproductive because vagrants don't pay them. Then the courts respond by preventing them from obtaining a drivers license, which they do not want in the first place.

"I've given tickets for people loitering," Scown said. "I've literally seen people roll tickets up and smoke them."

Arcata Liquors owner Jeff Nagan also shared advice on how to move vagrants along without starting a violent confrontation.

"I've been perfecting how to talk to these people for about 10 years," Nagan said. "Don't use the term loitering. Just say I can't have you guys here."

According to Scown, the most troublesome people on the Plaza tend to be alcoholics. Despite Nagan's efforts to refuse service to vagrants, they often are able to find alcohol through other means.

"The biggest problem is alcoholics during the day. There is meth and a decent amount of heroin use, but the vast majority of problems I have is with drunks," Scown said.

The downtown business watch's first plan of action will be creating a private Facebook group to stay in touch with and alert each other about troublesome vagrants in the area.

However, the APD's hands are tied when it comes to preventing people from migrating to the area. Unless store owners are able to deter vagrants from hanging out around the Plaza, the situation is likely to continue.

"I miss the days in the '80s when it was just stoned hippies playing bongos in the plaza," Williams said. "I'm really worried for Arcata because I think it's getting worse."

Harbor awaits relief; Samoa trails get support

Benjamin Fordham
Mad River Union

WOODLEY ISLAND – The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Commission heard the latest on shoaling issues in the harbor entrance, approved a letter that could lead to new bike and pedestrian trails on the Samoa Peninsula and discussed the fate of its Shelter Cove operations during its March 26 meeting.

Dredging still on hold

Harbor District Executive Director Jack Crider, District Bar Pilot Tim Petrusha and First District Supervisor Rex Bohn met with the Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco last week to discuss the shoaling, or sediment buildup, in the harbor mouth. Green Diamond Resource Company, which operates a chip facility on the peninsula, also had representatives present.

"It was kind of the first face-to-face," said Crider of the meeting. The Corps is responsible for maintaining the Humboldt Bay shipping channel, but the federal dredge has been dry-docked in Portland due to litigation and is not expected to arrive until at least the end of July.

Crider said that the shoaling occurred when the Eel River reached six feet above flood stage in December, which was a 20-year high. "It was a unique situation this year," he said. According to Petrusha, over one million cubic yards of material needs to be removed from the harbor entrance to bring it to the maximum allowed depth of 48 feet.

Samoa trails in works

The commission also voted at the meeting to approve a letter of intent supporting the county's pursuit of grant funding for the Samoa Enhanced Trails Project. The project would construct a 3.8-mile trail network in the town of Samoa.

The Samoa Pacific Group, which owns the town, has pledged $53,000 annually towards the maintenance of the trail system, should the grant be awarded. The trail corridor easement must be held by a public entity such as the harbor district under the conditions of the grant, although the commission expressed hope that a Samoa community services district would be formed and eventually take over responsibility for maintenance of the trails.

The district's involvement in the project was criticized at their last meeting, as some members of the public questioned whether the project fit the district's mandate and raised concerns over the possibility of escalating maintenance costs.

However, Commissioners Patrick Higgins and Richard Marks, two of the more vocal proponents of the project, said the potential risks would be outweighed by the benefits to the community.

"Sometimes there's a need for public entities like the harbor district not to be too fearful," Higgins said. "Then nothing happens."

Higgins also said that working trails around the bay have the potential to be a tourist draw, and could present a net savings to the community by promoting public health. "I think it's a good deal all the way around," he said.

Commissioner Marks said he feels the project falls under the district's recreational purview, and that it could "spearhead further trails around the bay."

"I think (the trail system) would be a great value-added thing for the community," said Marks. "Let's have trails."

Shelter Cove

The district is also exploring the possibility of transferring of some of its Shelter Cove operations, which include maintaining the boat ramp, breakwater and fish cleaning station, as well as public restrooms and a picnic area, into the hands of the town's Resort Improvement District.

According to Crider, the improvement district, which maintains the town's utilities and emergency services, has shown interest in taking over some of the harbor district's services, and the harbor district is willing to relinquish them.

"It's been very expensive to maintain," Crider said. "It's been a real challenge." He added that there has often been a disparity between the wishes of the community and the harbor district. "It hasn't been a totally happy relationship."

The commission agreed to set up a meeting with the improvement district to discuss the issue, and Crider said that the harbor district will still have involvement with the Shelter Cove community. "We're still going to provide some support," he said. "We're not totally leaving."



Blaine Martin | Michael Cady Jr. | Larry Lockhart

Robbery | 3 booked

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The suspects were identified as Larry Lockhart, 23, of McKinleyville, Blaine Martin, 22, of Trinidad, and Michael Cady Jr., 25, of McKinleyville

Deputies and CHP Officers searched the surrounding area, eventually locating all three suspects. Deputies recovered two firearms from the suspects, one of which was determined to have been reported as stolen.

Deputies believed there may have been a third firearm involved. This third firearm was described as an AR15 style rifle. Deputies searched the neighborhood, but were unable to locate that firearm.

The three suspects were arrested and booked on suspicion of attempted robbery and attempted burglary.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

EASTER EGG HUNT The American Legion Arcata Post 274, Arcata Chamber of Commerce, and Boy Scout Troop 9 will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. on the Arcata Plaza, for ages two to 10. There will be special egg prizes and fun for the whole family.

Fishing | Cold storage facility could invigorate tuna fleet

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Eureka has "turned around its policy" and launched supportive projects. The $3.2 million Fisherman's Terminal facility, which includes a loading dock and processing space, has been in operation for almost three years. The city and the county responded to the closure of the former Eureka Ice and Cold Storage facility by building a 30-ton flake ice plant for the fishing fleet.

But since fishermen move from port to port to maximize catches, the need for infrastructure like cold storage facilities and fuel docks is coast-wide.

"The bigger picture is to make sure that ports up and down the coast don't continue to lose fishing infrastructure," Bates said.

Loss and potential loss of infrastructure in Fort Bragg has undercut fishing there, he continued. The city lost its fuel dock a few years ago, making the fleet dependent on logistically-challenging truck deliveries.

"A simple thing like loss of a fuel dock has much reduced the viability of Fort Bragg as a fishing port," Bates said.

Fort Bragg is also in danger of losing its ice plant and "the city and the Harbor District don't have the financial horsepower to step in and do the kinds of projects that we've been fortunate enough to do in Eureka," he continued.

Eureka's ice production project is considered a stop-gap measure. Bates is a member of a committee that is working with Eureka officials to establish a cold storage facility on the city's waterfront. He said that wherever cold storage is available, the fishing industry expands.

"Cold storage becomes the hub – the center of the business cluster for the fishing industry," Bates said.

He added that Eureka was once an albacore tuna port, but without a cold storage facility, tuna landings have dwindled to 76 tons a year for the entire Northern California region.

Bates also described his group's request to the City of Eureka to update its Local Coastal Plan for the Woodley Island Marina area. In the wake of the county Harbor District's tabled proposal to establish an RV park on Woodley Island, zoning has become a highly-watched issue for local fishermen.

The goal of the coastal plan update is to "secure the long-term viability of the fishing fleet," Bates said, and to "treat the upland area of the Woodley Island Marina like a public park."



FISH TALK Ken Bates of the Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association described the infrastructure needs of Northern California's fishing fleet during a presentation at the Samoa Cookhouse restaurant. Daniel Mintz | Union

Obama | Bike patrols, new training, new approach

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for broader community engagement, greater openness and the adoption of what Mills called procedural justice. He says such engagement has been grievously lacking in the past, locally as well as nationally.

President Barack Obama assembled his interim task force on 21st century policing and gave it 90 days to report in the wake of the highly publicized officer-involved deaths in Ferguson, Missouri and New York City.

Sheriff Downey roundly endorsed the White House appeal for annual community surveys to gain public feedback on law officer conduct and effectiveness. He said law enforcement must have knowledge of what is going on at the grassroots.

There is no question, Downey affirmed, that the public wants more transparency and more of a voice in policing. "They want us to listen, but they also want us to explain how we work and why." In remarks resembling Mills', the sheriff said, "A learning domain has been lost because we haven't been teaching and we haven't been listening."

With the advent of Measure Z, however, Downey intends to bring more officers back on duty and put more people in the field. "Then we can reinstitute this survey type of approach. I'm a big proponent of this, because it gives us a real gauge of what the community thinks, what it needs, what it desires. It's an ever-changing climate out there. We have to be very sensitive to that and a survey like this is invaluable."

Downey hopes to institute a sampling by 2016. "I'm looking at bringing in some community service officers to gather that information and compile a data-based report on what they're learning from the public. I might even have them go out into the field to do some in-person interviews."

If money can be found, he would also like to inaugurate follow-up contacts with households and businesses to confirm if their needs and concerns are met when they call the police for help."I want to know if their issues were dealt with effectively and if not, how we could improve our service."

In the meantime, sheriff's deputies let businesses know they are keeping an eye on their security off-hours with a postcard-like "Patrol Check" notification, which is affixed to doors and doorways. It is a courtesy that informs proprietors that officers have "rattled the locks" to ensure security is preserved.

As staff expands, Downey also hopes to restore bike patrols in McKinleyville, the kind of direct engagement the White House considers indispensable.

In line with Washington's push for greater transparency, Downey recently provided two of his lieutenants with training in social media. The Sheriff's Office has expanded its use of Twitter, including messages transmitted in Twitter format by the dispatch center.

At his Rotary Club's request, Downey recently arranged a tour of the county jail for members, which prompted three more clubs to seek visits of their own. "This is a prime example of transparency," he said.

Chief Mills gave the president's task force report a mixed review. He lauded Obama for spurring law enforcement to take a truly integral role in community life, but said the reforms are reactive and many years late.

"It took a couple of crises like Ferguson and New York and the resulting media storms to get things moving. In those circumstances, you're apt to get stuck with a lot of unfunded mandates coming from legislation. Washington pounds its fist on the desk and then doesn't fund it."

If the White House framework is to succeed, Mills said, it will have to be budgeted up front and girded with ironclad assurances of genuine community policing, "not public relations policing. There is a very big difference in my opinion."

It is not enough, he underscored, for the police to register and respond to citizen complaints. "You have got to give people a voice in the running of their police departments. Our officers have to recognize that they are not apart from, but a part of the community. That goes to the whole idea of how we treat people and the level of civility we practice. That is one of the things that is shockingly lacking in many cities, including Humboldt."

As an object lesson of what can wrong, Mills pointed to former President Bill Clinton's $35 billion omnibus crime bill of 1993-94, the largest in U.S. history. It financed the deployment of 100,000 additional police officers nationwide to step up, for example, neighborhood foot and bike patrols.

The Clinton offensive was well conceived and thought out, Mills recalled, but too many local law enforcement agencies circumvented its intent. "It was never intended to finance rapid response teams and supplant existing patrol officers, yet many departments did exactly that, saying the feds will never know."

In other words, the agencies did what they wanted instead of meeting community needs.

Despite his dismay with that experience, Mills calls himself "very excited" about an eight-hour training program to foster community-engaged policing.

It is called "Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy," developed in 2012 by the Chicago Police Department in partnership with researchers at Yale and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. The chief hopes to get it rolling in Eureka within a year or so.

The Chicago protocol is geared expressly to the engagement precept enshrined in the White House task force report. Officers are taught to listen carefully, with empathy and detachment, and to exercise neutrality when a confrontation occurs; they avoid taking sides among the parties to a dispute. Impartiality is the cardinal virtue.

"Procedural Justice" in this context means police officers treat citizens with fairness and respect, which in turn is thought to encourage citizens to be deferential and compliant.

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman spoke of "compliance versus enforcement" in relation to the vexed issue of the community's downtown smoking ordinance. "I tell the city council, enforcement won't make it successful. Voluntary compliance is what makes a lot of laws work: seat belts, speeding and so on. Community engagement is relevant to the smoking ban. Trust in the police has to be nurtured and fed and cared for. It's fragile and delicate and that's what the president's task force is saying."

"Police Legitimacy" in the Chicago program means officers cultivate citizens' willingness to rely on them and defer to the police as honest brokers.

Echoing Chapman and Downey, Chief Mills observed, "The whole idea of procedural justice is giving the community a voice, being fair, treating people by the Golden Rule. From that grows genuine community policing; the community is in charge of the police."

Mills is in the midst of establishing a Chief's Advisory Council, which he plans to stand up by July 1.

It will comprise six uncompensated volunteers, plus a chair, who live in, work in or own property in Eureka. Tentatively, the panel would meet monthly for four hours. "This is not a fluff piece, this is true community engagement," Mills said. "I don't want to be told we're wonderful, I want the volunteers to lend a critical eye to our policies."

Mills, Chapman and Downey are unanimous that the White House appeal for community engagement holds authentic promise because it rests on a fully articulated principle in law enforcement known as "informal social control" – constant communication between police and businesses, churches, schools, youth groups and residents at large.

The principle is enunciated in Obama's March task force report, which declares, "More than a century of research shows that informal social control is a much more powerful mechanism for crime control and reduction than is formal punishment. The greatest force multiplier is the people of the community."

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PUBLIC SAFETY



KNOW THIS GUY? The APD is seeking the public's help in identifying the man in this picture, who, if his shirt is any indication, may be a fan of alt-country star Todd Snider. He is wanted in connection with a vandalism that occurred to the Humboldt Property Management office Saturday night, March 21 around 10:30 p.m. If you know this man, call the APD at (707) 822-2428. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA





HILLER HEATS UP Arcata Fire cut holes in the house's roof to release heat and smoke. PHOTO COURTESY ARCATA FIRE

McK home fire doused

ARCATA FIRE

McKINLEYVILLE – Arcata Fire District units were dispatched to a structure fire in the 1200 block of Hiller Road on Tuesday, March 24 at 3:17 a.m. The first reports were of heavy smoke in the area.

Engine 8217 from the McKinleyville station was on scene in less than two minutes and reported dark gray smoke with high velocity coming from a three-car detached garage near the rear of the residence.

According to Battalion Chief Sean Campbell, "This fire had the potential for very rapid growth and would have threatened the house which is located right next door." He went on to say, "The fire was starving for air. Crews had to cut vent holes in the roof to release heat and smoke as the attack team entered the building with a hose line."

As roof ventilation operations were taking place, a crew made entry into the structure and was able to knock down the main body of the fire. The fire was determined under control by crews inside the structure at around 4 a.m.

The structure reportedly did not have power serviced by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and the homeowner had been using generators to provide electricity to his residence. The first arriving crew found a generator in flames during their initial assessment of the structure. The residents of the house were not injured and there were no firefighter injuries. Investigators believe the fire started in the area of the generator and spread to the wall of the garage.

Arcata Fire District responded with two engines, one truck, two volunteer fire fighters and two chief officers. Humboldt Bay Fire responded with one engine and one chief officer to help provide coverage for our fire district. California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to assist with logistics.

Man drowns in ocean trying to rescue dog

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ORICK – On Tuesday, March 24 at approximately 5:38 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the United States Coast Guard requesting assistance with a search and rescue for a male subject who had entered the ocean at the mouth of Redwood Creek located at the end of Hufford Road in Orick.

Bobby Allan Root, 20, of Vicksburg, Mich., was visiting Humboldt County, where he has friends, during his spring break. Late Tuesday afternoon, he entered the water at the mouth of Redwood Creek in an attempt to rescue his dog, that was being pulled out into the ocean. Witnesses on scene soon lost sight of Root after he entered the water.

The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter and a boat to search for Root. Also assisting in the search were Sheriff's deputies, California State Parks rangers and members of the Orick Volunteer Fire Department.

After searching the 54 degree waters for over 17 hours, the Sheriff's Office announced on Thursday morning, March 26, that rescue efforts have been called off. In total, 112 square nautical miles were repeatedly searched by 30 Coast Guard personnel using aircraft and vessels without any sign of the man.

The lost man's family was personally notified by the Commanding Officer of Sector Humboldt Bay immediately following the suspension of search efforts. The victim's dog was able to make it out of the water safely and is being cared for by Root's friends.

The Coast Guard urges all members of the public to exercise extreme vigilance when near the formidable waters of the Pacific Ocean and to keep a close eye on family members and pets.

Beach patrols stepped up

HUMBOLDT – Over the last few months, the Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the calls for service regarding disorderly conduct at local beaches. These calls are primarily generated by large parties during the late evening hours. Often, those in attendance are unsupervised juveniles.

On Tuesday, March 27, the Sheriff's Office utilized the Special Services Beach and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) deputies to conduct a Special Patrol Operation during the nighttime hours to address this issue. The special services deputies are equipped with four-wheel drive vehicles, as well as ATVs, which allow them to more effectively patrol those beach areas that are harder to access.

Since the spring and summer months lie just ahead, the Sheriff's Office will continue to conduct these Special Patrol Operations at random times to ensure safe and lawful use of Humboldt County's parks and beach areas.

For a complete listing of County Codes governing the use of county parks and beaches, visit *humboldtgov.org*.

Weirdette banished



• **Saturday, March 14 12:48 a.m.** A resident who had ingested LSD jumped off the balcony of a Campus Apartment building, fracturing his spine.

• **Monday, March 16 1:56 p.m.** A female in her white van was held at gunpoint at an Arcata budget hotel in Valley West. Police responded.

11:15 p.m. A white man with dark, curly hair broke into the Mad River Fire Station. APD also responded to track him down.

• **Tuesday, March 17 10:14 a.m.** A report from the Natural Resources Building reported a visible trail of smoke seemingly coming from the front of the Humboldt State University Business and Student Services building. Upon police investigation, the smoke was determined to be from a private property burn pile on Union Street.

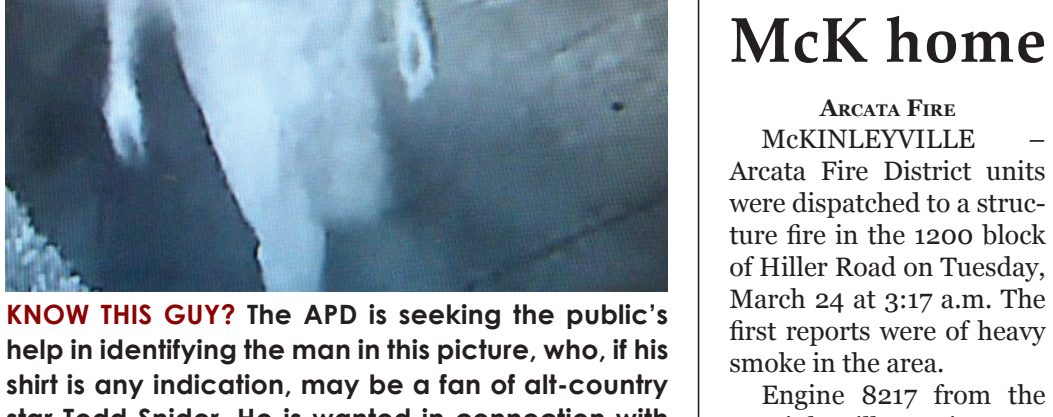
• **Friday, March 20 8:45 p.m.** A female non-student who was acting erratically was evaluated by University Police Officers and directed off campus.

• **Sunday, March 21 1:22 p.m.** A window on a Cypress Hall apartment building was broken.

2:48 p.m. A vehicle struck a pole (or rather, a driver in a vehicle struck a pole, with his vehicle) on Laurel Drive.

• **Monday, March 23 5:06 p.m.** A student was transported from the health center to Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility.

8:20 p.m. A theft was reported of a custodian's portable radio.















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Opinion

Killer robots

Raindrops keep falling on my head...
So did me some talking to the sun
And I said I didn't like the way he got things done
Sleeping on the job
Those raindrops are falling on my head
They keep falling
– Hal David and Burt Bacharach

Hey, 'bout time we got some more rain; slosh or not, we can use it for sure. The sun does shine off and on and the wind is not so horrible this year, so enjoy the moisture while we have it, right?

I tried to forget the roof and its many leaks and up come many trucks and workers from Alves Roofing to fix Marge's leaky roof. It only took them one day; they are done and it's not leaking now. When they took a break yesterday, it was really cool as they covered the sidewalk and part of Sixth Street while they rested for a spell.



Saturday was next to last Farmers' Market for the wintertime and Pacific Outfitters was having a parking lot sale in the calm for the day weather. Busy, busy, busy and lotsa' excellent stuff at really good prices, if you had the moola. Oh well, just a thought. It's just about the time for all season treks and surfing and boating, with many others in the offing.

You remember the recent column in the *Mad River Union* (March 11) from the City of Arcata about not cutting trees off on the top, as it does damage to the natural growth? Well several trees have been topped recently in town and the Bottoms as well. The tree in front of the building on Sixth and H streets had all its limbs chopped off as of Sunday and yesterday I saw that only a stump remains. Not nice! Earth Day and Arbor Day coming soon, let's pay Gaia a little respect.

I just read that pandas are making a comeback in China but the war isn't over yet as they are planning to build hydroelectric dams in the steep river valley and the constant increase of road building is wiping out the bamboo forests. The pressure is on China, the whole world is watching. But who is watching us? Oh yeah, the government.

"The High Cost of Oil" in the December, 2014 issue of *Outside* magazine on page 90 with pictures you don't want to see, is about Fort McMurray and its constant destruction for oil for the world. I can remember the beach sands in El Segundo being polluted and cordoned off because of sewer and oil leakage problems but not to that extent. Black sand that goes back to the sea and where else, even though we process some of it. Another scary read is about the Atlas Robot (he'll be back) aka Killer Robots that are in the making for future wars but they have no clue as to which human to kill, just any or all.

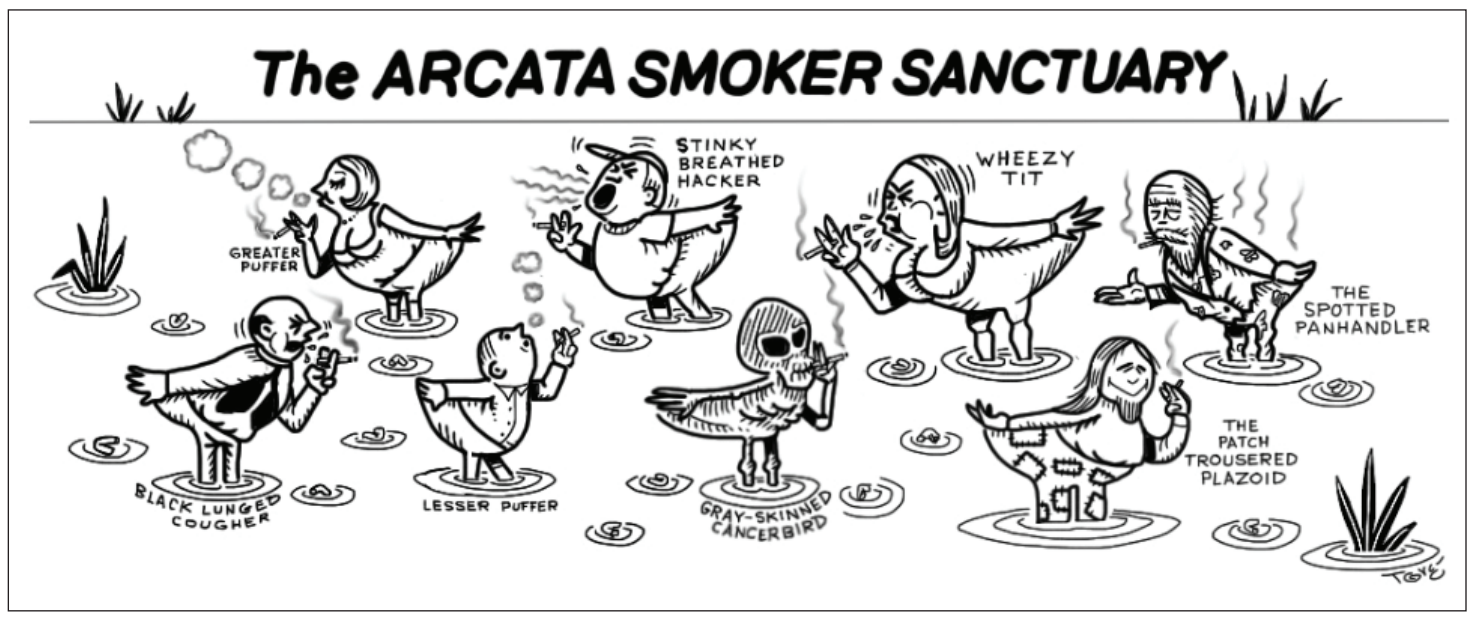
Walking down the street from the Magic Marsh towards da city on Sunday, I stopped to see the progress of the park between F and G streets. Big mistake as it's mostly cement and the housing units that border it on the G Street side are mostly empty now. I can't imagine why, just because their front space is no more and they can see cement forever. The alley road hasn't changed yet except for some cut backs of growth along the roadside.

Sitting on the Plaza watching all the birds fly by while mulling the future with the rising tides, destruction and more, I looked up and there appeared Tim French whom I hadn't heard from him in a few weeks and wondered if he was alright. He left the area over a year ago and has been traveling around trying to find an Eden. He's OK and won't be here long but it puts a warmth to your heart knowing that one of the many who disappear, reappear now and again. The ones gone forever like Quarter Mike, Randy, Stephen, Tim McKay, just appear in your dreams randomly. And then there are your pets and family too but they leave an essence of spirit and you don't forget them as you wonder why, when and how.

Looks like our summer Farmers' Market starts with Bayou Swamis on April 4, so back to more music at last and lotsa' plants to decorate and enhance your inside/outside garden. If you don't have room to plant, buy and enjoy our local bounty, which is available at many places and the Farmers' Market.

Short story on the back page of the 2015 February/March *ECONEWS* is interesting: composted humans, to avoid poisons, being planted under a tree, even better that direct burial, which is hard to find a place for and save money.

Bev says when you smell that smell coming in your window, you wonder what goes through the minds of the volunteer fire crew next door.



News Item: Arcata City Council directs staff to locate downtown sites for use as "smoker sanctuaries," offering carcinogenic oases among the broader unenforced anti-smoking zone.

Just fix 10th and I already

I think the City of Arcata has an excellent record in making favorable changes to traffic flow over the last few years and I appreciate the recent effort to do something out of the ordinary at 10th and I streets.

But the article in last week's *Mad River Union* provided clear evidence that the new "bicycle hub" has not passed the useability test.

I'm concerned because comments in the article suggest to me that the city has not correctly identified the users of the intersection. The users are not just Arcatans who have had a chance to repeatedly experience the intersection or get educated about it. Users include those same people in altered states of consciousness and, perhaps more importantly, the thousands of first-time users each year from around the world.

"Educating" locals about the intersection or placing temporary lines are inadequate solutions to the problem. The intersection must be useable by people not at their physiological best and people unfamiliar with it, unless we are only worried about unimpaired people from Arcata hitting a pedestrian in a straight-through intersection masquerading as a roundabout.

Along with frequent observations of people using the intersection in ways that threaten others, I think the fact Arcata couldn't find a standard road sign that would help the situation provides another clue that substantial change is needed. (That the road-sign classic "Stay in Lane" would be particularly unhelpful is another clue.)

❖ LETTERS

Nobody bats a thousand – Arcata can be proud of its overall traffic-control accomplishments with the current version of 10th and I included in the record. But don't fiddle around: make 10th and I as safe as other intersections.

Bret Harvey
Arcata

Mind-boggling buzzwords

In the last decade or so, we have been inundated with political correctness which defies definition or explanation. It manifests itself in many Buzz words. Offensive, Fair, Diversity, Social Justice, Racism. Inclusion, Victimhood, Equality, Holistic Review and the list goes on and on, whatever suits the one who is the offended person.

I can not find any written criteria, rules, regulations or laws regarding these supposed offenses. Also what and who is the authority for voicing the objection. What are the guidelines.

Take Being offended: What is offensive and again who is the authority to say what is offensive. Being offended is a choice. You choose to be offended as there is no written criteria for what is offensive. The 1st amendment protects offensive speech. Polite speech does not need defending.

Fair: What is fair and who gets to decide what is fair. Like a child who does not get what they want and yells, "That's not fair mom" and she is supposed to know what they mean. Fair is used in many different areas.

Diversity: You are placing people in groups and not as human beings but different classes which is demeaning. We are all the same. We all bleed in Red. Color, Ethnicity should not be a criteria for anything. Get rid of the hyphen as we are all just Americans. Heed the words of a great man.

"There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all.

"We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." – Theodore Roosevelt, 1907

Social Justice: This defies description or explanation. It boggles my mind.

Racism: Even the people who shout it do not know what they mean. If you disagree with someone you are called a racist. Just what do they mean. They can't explain it. The true racist, if there is such a thing, is the one that brings it up.

Inclusion: To me it is the same as diversity as is holistic review.

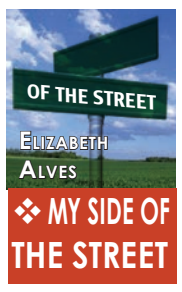
You can not dictate to people how they must talk, act or behave except for what is not legal. Is this the beginning of the change we were told was coming. What we have had for over 200 years has been great and has worked wonderfully. Why change it. We are not robots.

Good values and morality should be the key. Among my many values there are four main ones. Honesty, Ethics, Morality and the end does not justify the means.

Alfred Parodi
McKinleyville

Moving means lots of keeping and tossing

There's nothing like preparing to move for forcing you to face your inner pack rat. I've been sorting through stuff, stuff and more stuff – 20 years of stuff. Some of it I can't imagine why I ever had, much less saved.



We have dozens of notepads, sticky pads, pens and notecards. I ruthlessly test the pens before keeping or donating them. We found four 19-cent stamps.

There were lots of little caches of gift wrap and tissue paper. Some had been used, but still had a reasonably nice section in the center. Others were new, but the pieces were small and oddly shaped.

The thing is, stuff like that gets pushed behind something else. Then when I need it, I can't find any, so I end up buying more. And dollar stores are great sources of inexpensive gift wrap, ribbon and bows on demand.

The best thing to come along since the last time I went through this process is single stream curbside recycling. The piles are now save, donate, recycle and regular garbage. I try to make the save pile tiny, but it's not easy.

I've faced up to the fact that I won't have room to keep things that had great sentimental value to my sister, but don't to me. But as we continue going through more things, I'm finding items she kept because they had great value to our mother. It's easier to let go knowing things are going to a good home.

My housemate has been taking a lot of our donations to the Hospice Thrift Shop in Arcata, because it's a cause we support and the people there are so nice. Our household stopped donating to the old Salvation Army stores years ago because the workers were so rude. Apparently that wasn't the only problem, because the stores in Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville and Fortuna have all been closed for some time.

We donated for several years to the church shop on Murray Avenue, which helped a lot of very poor people get started again. But the congregation decided to close the free lunch cafe and the shop. Since then we've used a variety of places.

We aren't offended if a worker declines a donation, but there's no need to be nasty about it. Sometimes they are happy to have things we almost threw away instead, thinking they were worthless. So we're happy for them to take a look and keep anything they think they can move.

Our excess books go to the Friends of the McKinleyville Library for the book sales that raise money to supplement county funding at the library. The Friends pay for newspaper subscriptions, supplies and special items. One of the bigger contributions was the bench outside, where patrons can sit comfortably while waiting for a ride, or for the library to open.

Every time I cull my paper books, I let more go. This time, I'm watching for old favorites I now have in electronic form. A tablet computer, ereader or smartphone takes up less space than a single paper book, and holds thousands of books.

I still need paper books to read at lunch at work, and there is something to be said for the feel of a well-made traditional book. But some of my books were second hand when I bought them years ago, and are now in poor condition. If I get a deal on an electronic edition, I snap it up, and the old one can go to the Friends' bargain table to charm another reader on a budget.

Many of the customers are regulars, who read their purchases and then bring them back the next month to be sold again; reuse is even better than recycling. The book sales are the second Saturday afternoon of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. next to the Totem Pole. Thanks to Anne Pierson of the McKinleyville Shopping Center for donating the space.

It's hard to find boxes small enough to pack books into, because they are so heavy. Big boxes are a recipe for back aches. We've switched to reusable shopping bags, so we can't just load up plastic or paper grocery bags to transport books.

Plastic bins are good for storing clothes in our humid climate, but I have to be careful not to get the big ones. They stack up without wobbling, too. It's all a matter of moderation.

I'm hoping not to have to rent a storage unit, but it's too soon to tell. Sometimes I find myself thinking about storing an item I put in the "keep" pile, and tossing it into one of the others instead. If I can keep that up, I'll be ahead in the end.

Elizabeth Alves still has a lot of stuff to deal with. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union *or to* mysidestreet@gmail.com.

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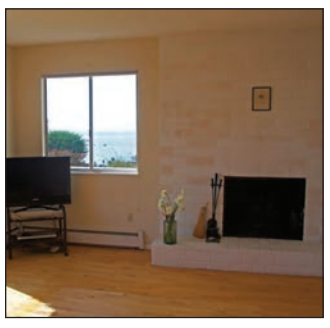


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Section C

April 1, 2015



Arcata Playhouse

CREAMERY DISTRICT – The Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata, continues its ninth annual Family Series with performances of *Thumbelina* performed as an original shadow play by Oregon Shadow Theatre (OST).

Thumbelina is one of Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen's most delightful characters, a miniature girl born from a flower who has to find her own way in the world of nature. In this OST production, Thumbelina journeys through a series of natural habitats to discover her home in the land of the flower fairies. Through the seasons of the year, Thumbelina has adventures with frogs in a pond, flying beetles in a tree, a swallow in the woods, a mouse in a field and a mole in his underground home.

The visual design of this colorful shadow play is drawn from Art Nouveau, the decorative art movement of the late 1800s that is characterized by its flowing organic lines and its nature themes. Art Nouveau had resurgence in the 1960s, and the art and music of the rock 'n' roll era inspired much of the visual and aural design of the play. While the plot of the play follows Andersen's story, the script supports a comedic subtext linking music of the 1960s and '70s to Thumbelina's desire to find her home in a land of flowers. The live music is performed on hammer dulcimer, electric guitar and an assortment of percussion and sound effects devices.

OST is based in Portland, Ore. and specializes in the ancient art of shadow puppetry. Their production of *Thumbelina* has been awarded the UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry. OST's award-winning shadow plays have toured the United States and Canada, including performances at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and at theatres, schools and festivals from coast to coast.

The production is the second of three presentations to make up the 2015 edition of the Arcata Playhouse ninth annual Family Series. The series has become an Arcata and Humboldt County mainstay for families looking for quality, affordable entertainment for children and adults alike. Over its nine year history the series has presented performing companies from across the U.S. and Canada, England and Scotland. With both school and public performances of family theater, storytelling, puppetry and variety performances, the series is known for its intimate setting and for outstanding performers and this year's series is no different.

The series is supported by funding from the Western States Arts Federation and generous local business sponsors Kokatat Watersports Wear, Holly Yashi Jewelry and Wildberries Marketplace.

Thumbelina performances are on Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 4 at 2 and 7 p.m. The Playhouse's 16-foot Pink Peg-legged Polka-dot Pony sculpture will be at all the performances. Tickets are $12/$10 for children 12 and under or $40 for a family of four or more and are available at Bubbles, Wildberries Marketplace and Redwood Yogurt as well as online at *arcataplayhouse.org*.

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MORE THAN A HANDFUL Donna Haddock and Katherine Wayne of the Trinidad Civic Club show off their bra booty. Janine Volkmar | Union

Janine Volkmar
Mad River Union

TRINIDAD – Free the girls! That slogan can be read several ways in the unusual race between two local clubs.

Girls and women who have been rescued from sexual trafficking in Africa can start new lives as small business owners, selling donated bras from America.

Women in America can free themselves from the tyranny of uncomfortable brassieres by donating them.

"Who doesn't have a bra she hates?" asked Trinidad Civic Club member Katherine Wayne.

The Trinidad Civic Club has been challenged by the Wha-Nika Women's Club of Blue Lake in an effort to see which club can collect the most bras for *freethegirls.org*.

Women in both towns are emptying their lingerie drawers of gently used but no longer the-perfect-fit bras. The donated bras are sent to a warehouse run by the charity in Indiana where they are sorted and packaged to be sent to Africa. The women in Africa get training and support in setting up a small business, keeping accounts and ordering more inventory, as well as counseling support.

Freethegirls.org has an interesting website with thoughtful comments on its frequently asked questions (FAQs) section. Some of these include a discussion of the economic effects of

BRA BONANZA ❖ C5



LET'S GET SMALL Sharon Ocheltree takes a moment to enjoy the little things. Photos by Janine Volkmar | Union

Janine Volkmar
Mad River Union

KORBEL – Please don't start singing "It's a Small World After All."

These miniatures are way more than cute.

Each is a precisely handcrafted, every-element-to-scale, tiny environment, echoing its counterpart from the larger world.

A teashop comes complete with menu, teapots, tables and chairs, a waiter and customers.

A log cabin features a bed made from saplings, a bearskin rug grinning on the floor and the absent occupant's discarded boots lying by the door.

A beer delivery wagon contains beer barrels and is pulled by a miniature horse.

These are just a few examples of miniature masterpieces by members of the Small World Miniature Club of Humboldt County.

The club hosts its annual Play Day on April 18 at Scrapper's Edge, 728 Fourth St. in Eureka. This year's theme is "What's Hiding in Your Attic?" and participants will create a miniature attic room box with supplies provided by the club.

For a fee of $25, participants will receive plywood walls, floor, roof, gable, gable window, floor and wall coverings as well as accessories and gifts provided by the members. The attic scale will be 1 inch equals 1 foot. Lunch is included. Space is limited so registration is required by calling (707) 786-4285.

A visit to miniaturist Sharon Ocheltree's home and workshop in Korbel found her in the middle of creating her attic to show off at the workshop. She had already done woodworking for a set of folding stairs, stonework for the chimney, and had ordered a working chain-pull light fixture from a catalog.

"It's not a cheap hobby," she said. "You can go to the hardware store and buy a full-size light fixture for $6. The miniature one costs $35." She displayed a tiny plastic bag with the fixture, complete with working light bulb. Once installed in her finished attic box, the light will shine.

Ocheltree displayed many of her other finished creations, pointing out details that she made from scratch. A rabbit's kitchen had a brickwork fireplace, wooden settle, working cabinets and many details that she crafted rather than bought. Her large workshop was filled with tools, drawers and drawers of supplies, and a huge worktable.



EVERYBUNNY'S AT HOME Ocheltree's teeny rabbit kitchen has an enviable collection of copper pots.

Ocheltree and three other members of the club explained their fascination with the world of miniatures. "You create your own little world," Ocheltree said. The

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The Wall That Heals

AMVETS Post 96 in Eureka is sponsoring a visit of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund traveling Wall to Humboldt County. "The Wall That Heals" is a half-scale replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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The Wall That Heals will be on display at the Bear River Community Center (266 Keisner Road, Loleta) from Thursday, April 2 until early afternoon Sunday, April 5. It will be available to visit 24 hours per day at no charge.

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In addition to The Wall, a Traveling Museum and Information Tent will be on site. Momentos and memorabilia left at The Wall will be tagged with identifying information for possible display in a future local community exhibit.

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AMVETS Post 96 dedicates this activity to the memory of AMVETS Post 96 member Mark Sanchez. Mark and AMVETS were just beginning the effort to bring the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall to our area when he passed away suddenly.



Information: (707) 725-3880

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HIGHLIGHTS

FREE WEED MOVIE After a year of film festival screenings, pot documentary *Tricky Bidness* has been released to range freely across the landscape via Vimeo, at *vimeo.com/65017594*, using password arcata955. The movie will also show on the Access Humboldt TV and the Davis public television stations. Since the film had its premiere in November 2013, the world has seen many changes to cannabis policies at the state and federal levels. But there continues to be a patchwork of regulations from state to state, and communities are still struggling with problems of an unregulated industry. *Tricky Bidness* continues to be available on Amazon Instant Video. *trickybidness.com*

DRINK UP TO SAVE THE WORLD Mad River Brewing Company, 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, kicks off a month of spring fun with Pints for Non-Profits today, April 1. All day, $1 of every pint sold benefits Vector Physical Rehabilitation, a Eureka physical therapy and aquatic center that provides care for patients in Humboldt County. They plan on having a raffle from 5 to 7 p.m., reportedly with some pretty sweet prizes. *vectorpt.org*

GODWIT DAYS ART A reception for the April exhibition, "Two Decades of Godwit Days Poster Art," will be held at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center Friday, April 3. This free appetizer-and-dessert event, co-sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Godwit Days, will run from 6 to 8 p.m. View all 17 posters in one venue and vote for your favorite designs. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best Godwit Days shirt. The show, marking the festival's 20th anniversary, will be on display for the entire month.(707) 826-2359

TRUEST AND BEST STORIES *KRFH Talx*, a weekly public affairs show on HSU's student run radio station at 105.1 FM presents a live storytelling event at Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave. in Arcata, Friday, April 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. Pitch your story in advance to *ljv67@humboldt.edu* or wing it and try your luck on the waiting list at the event to tell the truest and best stories from your life.

SEARCHING FOR TRUTH HSU creative writing and journalism graduate Bryan Radzin's first novel, *Search for Truth... The Seeker Begins* will be featured at a book reading, discussion and signing at the Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr., Westhaven, Friday April 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Radzin says of his work that it reflects his dedication to the promotion of truth, accountability and humanism. Refreshments will be served. You can learn more at his Facebook page under the above book title.

BARN DANCE Bring in the spring season with a barn dance on Friday, April 3! Lyndsey Battle will call the dances with tunes from Striped Pig Stringband from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. in Arcata. All dances will be taught with no partner or experience needed. Admission is $7/$6 for Humboldt Folklife Society members, students and seniors/free for kids under 12. *humboldtfolklife.org*

KIRTAN DEVOTIONAL SINGING Lovers of kirtan singing and Indian music are warmly invited to experience an evening of devotional singing with Seabury Gould leading uplifting call-and-response group singing with the exciting and accomplished tabla player Dr. Rahman Abdur of Bangladesh. This event takes place on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Palace on 516 Fifth St. in Eureka. Admission is $8 to $12 sliding scale. (707) 834-6680, *bikramyogahumboldt.com, seaburygould.com*

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, World Dance Party Friday, April 3 from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St. in Arcata. The event features an easy dance lesson and an evening of dance music played by international bands Musaic, Chubritza and The Ethniks. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, *humboldtfolkdancers.org*

SIGHTS THROUGH LENSES Arcata Arts Institute's photography and media (AAI) students show their work at the F Street Photo Gallery above Swanlunds, 527 F St. in Eureka during Arts! Alive Saturday, April 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Called "Sights Through Lenses," this is the second annual show in which students select their best work of the year to be displayed. The Arcata Arts Institute is a "school within a school" for advanced art study at Arcata High School. *artsinstitute.net*, (707) 825-2400

PUNK + THRASH Humboldt Free Radio presents the flood plain dirge punk of Blackplate accompanied by the Idyllwild stoner thrash of Throw the Goat at The Alibi, Saturday, April 4 at 11 p.m., with a $5 cover; no minors.

LOSING LOVED ONES Strategies for surviving the death of a loved one will be shared at Lifetree Café on Sunday, April 5 at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Surviving the Death of a Loved One: Finding Peace in Your Time of Loss," includes a film featuring Susan Burton, a woman who lost an infant child to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The event is free and snacks and beverages are served. Lifetree Café is a conversation café located on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, *bobdipert@hotmail.com*

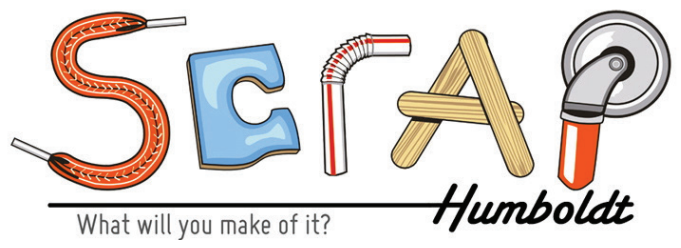
Xenobiology meets obsolete technology

MARSH DISTRICT – Have you always wanted to paint a glitter unicorn on obsolete technology? SCRAP Humboldt seeks community participation in an art exhibit featuring mythical creatures in all their forms, rendered on a material that has become equally as mythical and unseen: the computer floppy disk. SCRAP Humboldt will provide the canvas, you draw, invent or sculpt the mythical creature of your choice.

Entry forms and disks can be picked up in Arcata at SCRAP Humboldt at 101 H St., the Art Center at 823 H St. and in Eureka at Shipwreck, 430 Third St. All finished pieces must be delivered to SCRAP Humboldt by 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.

The completed pieces will be showcased during Arts! Arcata, Friday May 8 from 6 to 9 p.m., in a one-night gallery affair (location to be announced). All proceeds from the sale of artwork will benefit SCRAP Humboldt's (Re) Workshop, the creative education studio space. SCRAP Humboldt works hard to make inexpensive, unique materials available to the local arts community, while simultaneously showcasing finished works by local artists in the Re:Boutique, and hosting artists in the (Re)Workshop.

This is your opportunity to let your inner artist out, celebrate your favorite mythical creature and support your local creative reuse center. It is inspiring to see what creative magic comes out of giving community members the same discarded item to be transformed into something beautiful and mysterious.



SCRAP Humboldt is the only creative reuse center located between Eugene, Ore. and Santa Rosa, Calif. SCRAP Humboldt is located in Arcata's Marsh District on the corner of South G and H streets. SCRAP Humboldt is a project of SCRAP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and plays a vital role in our community by diverting usable materials from the waste stream, educating people about creative reuse and providing inexpensive art, craft and office supplies. More information about materials that are accepted for donation or other information can be found at *scraphumboldt.org*.

CALENDAR

VENUE	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1	THURSDAY, APRIL 2	FRIDAY, APRIL 3	SATURDAY, APRIL 4	SUNDAY, APRIL 5	MONDAY, APRIL 6	TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Arcata Theater Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	9 p.m. Monophonics	6:30 p.m. Ocean Night	7:30 p.m. • *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1973)		6 p.m. • *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* (1988)		
Blondies Food & Drink 420 E. California Ave., Arcata	7 p.m. Science on Tap	7 p.m. Open Mic Night	7 p.m. • Live storytelling (above)		7 p.m. Jazz Night	7 p.m. Quiz Night	
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Triple Junction	9 p.m. River Valley Mud	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad			9 p.m. Hookah Stew	9 p.m. Hookah Stew	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay		8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. Live Match Game	9 p.m. HSU Athlete's Ball	9:30 p.m. MiM0SA	9:30 p.m. Zepparella		9 p.m. • Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band	7 p.m. The Main Squeeze
Jambalaya 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. WHOMP!	9:30 p.m. Starship Connection		9:30 p.m. Blue Lotus	10 p.m. Deep Groove Society	9 p.m. The Getdown	8 p.m. Comedy Night
Larrupin' Café 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad	6 p.m. Aber Miller	5:30 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz			6 p.m. Tim Randles		
Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		TBA	7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. No Covers			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	9 p.m. Jokes Open Mic	8 p.m. Open Mic	9 p.m. Scuber Mountain	9 p.m. Old Pal Betsy & Beau	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	all day • Pints for Nonprofits (above)	6 p.m. Blake Ritter	6 p.m. No Covers	6 p.m. For Folk Sake	all day Hoppy Hour		6 p.m. • Stringtown Ambassadors
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. RLA with Paula Jones		8 p.m. Crosby Tyler	6 p.m. The Secret Club	7 p.m. • Stringtown Ambassadors	7 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville			9 p.m. Them Travelin' Birds	9 p.m. The Overstimulators	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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Scene

‘Glimpses and whispers’ of the past

Humboldt County Historical Society

EUREKA – The Humboldt County Historical Society presents a screening of the Humboldt History in Motion Series at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting on Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. in the first-floor conference room of the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

The Humboldt History in Motion Series presents newly digitized historic films, made in Humboldt during the first half of the 20th century, and featuring local life and events in various Humboldt locales. The Historical Society now has nine archival films that have been recently digitized through a program supported by the California Audiovisual Preservation Project.

The films screening on April 4 depict slices of life on the North Coast. Carly Marino of the Humboldt Room at HSU introduces the films, which include footage of the crab industry on Humboldt Bay, featuring Lazio’s Seafood Company. An exciting short film of the 1935 Fourth of July parade in Eureka will be screened, as well as home movies of several families exploring the Marble Mountains in the 1950s.

The films are part of the California Light and Sound Collection of recordings that provides “glimpses and whispers” of our state's rich audiovisual heritage.

Thanks to this program, 16 local digitized films are now available for your viewing pleasure anywhere you have Internet access at *archive.org/details/humboldtcountyhistoricalsociety*. In partnership with fifty-five libraries, archives and museums, the California Audiovisual Preservation Program provides digitization and access services for historic California organizations.

For more information, contact the Humboldt County Historical Society at (707) 445-4342 or visit *humboldthistory.org*.



HANDS ON CRABS A still from a film about the local crab industry, featuring Lazio’s Seafood Company, will screen at the Humboldt County Library in Eureka on April 4.





WINDOWS ON THE PAST Stills from an archival film of the 1935 Independence Day parade in Eureka.

Big Time is a good time

Humboldt State University MultiCultural Center

ARCATA – Humboldt State University hosts its eighth annual California Big Time and Social Gathering on Saturday, April 4, from 10:30 to 7 p.m. in the West Gym.

This public celebration of American Indian culture includes multiple song and dance performances, American Indian regalia, an Indian card game tournament and an “Amazing Race,” a competitive tour that introduces college-bound youngsters to the HSU campus.

Founded on the principles of enhancing and sustaining Native languages, cultures, and traditions, HSU’s Big Time has provided our Native communities with a space to honor the ways of life and the values of our ancestors.

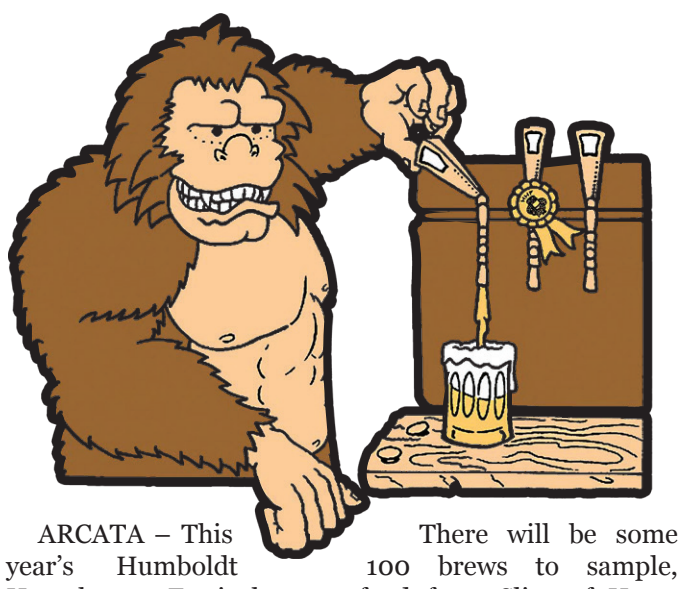
This year’s dance groups include Tolowa Nation Dancers, Point Arena Manchester Coastal Pomo Dancers, Maidu Traditionalists, HSU’s Danza Azteca and much, much more.

Artists and vendors will also be on hand as well as food booths, including Indian Tacos.

The 2015 HSU Big Time is anticipated to gather around 1,200 people plus about 70 businesses, services and non-profits for sharing and learning about ceremonial dances, regalia, songs, history, and traditions.

This event is proudly hosted by the university’s Council of American Indian Faculty and Staff (CAIFS), Native American Center for Academic Excellence, Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP), Native American Studies, Indigenous Peoples Student Alliance, and the MultiCultural Center, among others.

The eighth annual California Big Time and Social Gathering is a free public event open to the community. Details, disability access and shuttle maps are available at the MultiCultural Center at (707) 826-3364 or *mcc@humboldt.edu*. For more information, contact Mona Mazzotti at (707) 826.3369 or *mona.mazzotti@humboldt.edu*.



Beer fest, ’nuff said

ARCATA – This year’s Humboldt Homebrew Festival is Saturday, April 4 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. and promises to be a wing-dang-doodle of a good time.

As in previous years, the festival is a benefit for the local chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB). This year’s proceeds directly benefit projects they are working on both locally and in Arcata’s sister city Camoapa, Nicaragua. This includes ongoing plans to build a well for the hospital in Camoapa.

There will be some 100 brews to sample, food from Slice of Humboldt Pie, limitless tastes of homebrewed beers and ciders and live music by Soulsapiens, Old Dog, Rasing Grain and Claire Bent. There will also be a live auction and dutch raffle on site with some pretty neat contributions from local businesses.

Members from EWB’s local chapter will be on-hand with demonstrations and available to discuss ongoing projects both locally and abroad.

Tickets are $40 in advance/$45 at the door and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, the Beerworks and at *humboldthomebrewfest.com*. Last year’s event sold out in advance, so folks are encouraged to get their tickets soon to guarantee admission.



GUITARRISTAS The HSU Guitar Ensemble presents Latin American tunes. Submitted photo

From mambo to tango

ARCATA – HSU Guitar Ensemble continues its yearlong exploration of Latin American music this Saturday in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

The program includes “a wide range of pieces from folk to modern, representing Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Paraguay, and Peru,” said Guitar Ensemble Director Nicholas Lambson. “We will be performing with voice, flute, bass and percussion on this program including the Argentinian tango music of Piazzolla, several bossa nova pieces and a piece by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. The program will also feature a student composition, ‘Moonstone,’ by ensemble member, Kenneth Bozanich.”

Singer Olivia Bright and flutist Erin Laetz perform with the ensemble on several works. Other performers include Tyler Burkhart, Angel Castaneda, Sandee Castaneda, Nick Hart, Andrew Heavelin, Bryant Kellison, Jason Keyes, Sean Laughlin, Leo Plummer, Leonardo Simmons and Ryan Woempner.

The concert includes two compositions by Manuel Ponce, called Mexico’s first internationally successful classical music composer, and two by Agustín Barrios Mangoré of Paraguay, whose innovative 20th century compositions have recently been recorded by John Williams, among others.

The concert begins with “Mambo Inn” from Cuba, accompanied by conga drums and bass. It ends with a lively section of the influential “History of the Tango” by Argentinean Ástor Piazzolla, featuring the classic combination of guitar (Andrew Heavelin) and flute (Erin Laetz) associated with the first flowering of the form in the late 19th century.

HSU Guitar Ensemble performs on Saturday April 4 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Tickets are $8/$5 seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID and are available from the HSU Ticket Office (707) 826-3928 or at the door. *HSUMusic.blogspot.com*

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Friday night lights, line dancing & gettin' hitched



As you know, last week was March Madness at Mack High. And boy, was it crazy! Mack High was rumbling 24/7 with our dodgeball tournament, March Madness rally, baseball and softball games, Powder Puff game and the Sadie Hawkins dance. Panthers were going non-stop these five days. I'm excited to tell you the results!

On Friday at the March Madness Rally, the two dodgeball tournament finalists, #DowntoDodge, a freshman team, and the "Kelso Killaz," a team composed of juniors and seniors, engaged in an intense fight for the victory. Three fierce rounds of this game lasted for 15 minutes until time ran out.

Diana Howard, our emcee, announced: "Whichever team gets the next player out wins!" Just as she finished her sentence, a player from #DowntoDodge wheeled a ball at a player from Kelso Killaz and the game was finished. The freshmen won!

After school, the Justice League Junior and the Shocking Senior Powder Puff football teams tailgated in the Mack High parking lot before their big game. Both teams were in good spirits and ready to fight for another victory.

As game time drew nearer, rain started to fall, making it all the more intense! I was a player on the Shocking Senior team, and let me tell you, this game was incredible. All the players on both sides were just full of talent and focus. My teammates and I kept wishing that Powder Puff could take up a whole sport season so we could experience those weekly Friday night lights.

After an exciting, rainy, and energizing game, the Shocking Seniors earned the title with a win against the Justice League Juniors, 26-0. I asked a fan what they thought of the game: "It was really spirited, and surprisingly serious! Those girls sure wanted to play and WIN!"

It was great for the seniors to experience that one last Friday high school football game. I'm sure the Justice League Juniors will return next year as seniors with even more spirit than they came with this year.

The Sadie Hawkins dance was just a short while after the game. Boys and girls threw on their dancin' cowboy boots and had a blast in the main gym. At the dance, you could get "hitched" to someone, a process complete with vows, a marriage certificate and a professional photo.

The deejay played an awesome assortment of great country tunes as the dance floor was alive with line dancing. There is something exhilarating about line dancing, especially if you don't know the routine! When you finally learn the steps and can jam to any song you want, it's so rewarding. It was awesome to see so many people participating.

The Sadie Hawkins dance has always been my favorite. I hope it's as great next year.

That's this week's Panther Report. Have a great week!

Chesiree Katter is a senior at McKinlyville High School.



THE EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL X? **The Justice League Junior Team prepped and ready for the Powder Puff game. Their defeat is sure to motivate them to triumph next year as seniors.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pups, pups, pups galore



Have you heard about Companion Animal Foundation's Second Chances for Pets program? It was established to help animals find new homes in situations where the owner is able to keep their animal for the time being.

To see photos of all available animals, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or stop by either CAF thrift store (88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata and 410 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake) or Arcata Pet Supply near Safeway in Arcata.



Puppies are still available for adoption and visiting at the thrift store in Sunny Brae from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Check out our Facebook page for photos!

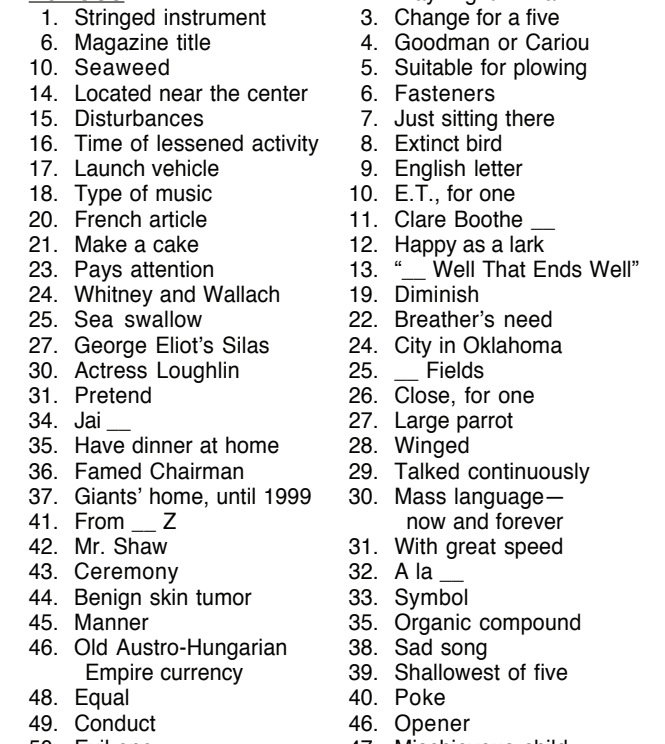
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20. French article
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23. Pays attention
24. Whitney and Wallach
25. Sea swallow
27. George Eliot's Silas
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35. Have dinner at home
36. Famed Chairman
37. Giants' home, until 1999
41. From __ Z
42. Mr. Shaw
43. Ceremony
44. Benign skin tumor
45. Manner
46. Old Austro-Hungarian Empire currency
48. Equal
49. Conduct
50. Evil one
53. Beams
54. Fitting
57. Opposite of "gathered"
60. Playful leap
62. Sounds of rebuke
63. Muscle quality
64. Old gathering spot
65. Remain
66. Shortly
67. Ease

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3. Change for a five
4. Goodman or Cariou
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6. Fasteners
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8. Extinct bird
9. English letter
10. E.T., for one
11. Clare Boothe __
12. Happy as a lark
13. "__ Well That Ends Well"
19. Diminish
22. Breather's need
24. City in Oklahoma
25. __ Fields
26. Close, for one
27. Large parrot
28. Winged
29. Talked continuously
30. Mass language—now and forever
31. With great speed
32. A la __
33. Symbol
35. Organic compound
38. Sad song
39. Shallowest of five
40. Poke
46. Opener
47. Mischievous child
48. Weakling; pushover
49. Burdened
50. Certain jets: abbr.
51. __ above, superior to
52. Londoner's adieu
53. City in Nevada
54. Find __ of gold; locate riches
55. South American nation
56. Catch
58. Greek letter
59. Presidential nickname
61. Stone __



Solution in next week's Mad River Union

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MCKINLEYVILLE LIBRARY

McKINLEYVILLE – It has been a busy start to the New Year at the McKinleyville Public Library, 1606 Pickett Rd. We have a new shelving unit generously provided by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library, we had our first puppet story time, and we had a wonderful concert put on by Four Shillings Short, once again sponsored by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library. We have even more coming for this spring and summer.

Baby Read and Grow continues on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.; April 4 is "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," with songs, stories, and free play for babies.

The Friends of the McKinleyville Library continue to put on one of the best book sales in the area each month, thanks to the generosity and exuberance of all its participants. The next opportunity to get great books at bargain prices is Saturday, April 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the McKinleyville Shopping Center.

Wednesday, April 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. is trading card game night. Play games like Magic the Gathering, Pokemon and Yugioh, and meet other players.

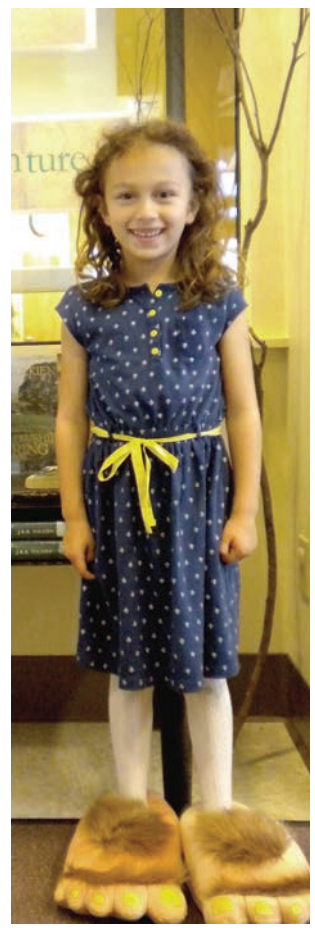
The second puppet story time, "Monkeys!" is Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. This story time will include a craft activity, and promises to be a lot of fun. This is a great day to come to the library, as it is also drop-in Board Game Day! Try out the library's games, or bring one of your own to share.

Join Leo on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. for the first accordion music hour, with family favorites, nursery songs, and other great children's music.

Story time is also held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. with Liz. This is a great chance to enjoy some stories, meet other parents, and weather permitting, enjoy Pierson Park.

On Saturday, May 2, the library celebrates Free Comic Book Day for the second year in a row. If you missed it last year, you have another chance to get free comic books all day!

Keep in touch with everything going on at your local library at *Facebook.com/McKinleyvilleLibrary.com,* or visit the library website at *humlib.org*.



SHARING IN THE ADVENTURE **March 25 was Tolkien Reading Day at the McKinleyville Public Library, a story time with riddles and lots of great books to check out. Katie Vasquez, right, and other kids got to don big furry hobbit feet.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

Have a pittie party with Myers and Karma



The shelter is no place for a teenage dog. It is so hard to sit quietly for so much of the day when they would really like to be running and playing with their dog and human friends.

Myers and Karma are two teenaged pups that would love to show off their charms to potential adopters. Both are medium-sized Pittie crosses, about 11 months old and under 50 pounds. They are not related; they just happen to be about the same age and with similar cheerful dispositions.

Myers has been at the shelter since the middle of December. He is a lovely bronze-colored brindle with golden eyes. He looks a little excitable in his kennel because he so wants to be out where the action is, but outside the kennel, he really is quite calm.

Myers loves other dogs, male or female. He recently had a meet and greet with a family that included two small children and he was wonderful with them – no jumping up and very careful not to bump into them when they ran together. He is also very good about letting children play with his toys, waiting nicely while they throw the ball or stuffed toy. The family really liked him; maybe they will have come back for him before this hits the newsstands, but if not, we want him to have a chance at finding a good home.

Myers passed the shelter's cat test, which indicates that he would probably be fine in a home with cats. He is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.



Karma is a bright-eyed female with a striking silver-gray coat. She has some doggie manners down and is very willing to learn more. She sits nicely to be leashed up and is very attentive to the person walking her.

Karma would love a doggie playmate; she was recently out with a male dog about her same size and had a great time!



Karma didn't do as well on the shelter's cat test – she might do better in a home without cats, though we do have a nice handout about introducing a new dog to a home with cats. Her eagerness to please is one of her best traits; she should respond very well to training.

Karma has been spayed, is current on her vaccinations and has been micro-chipped.

Both Myers and Karma are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The shelter is open Monday through Friday and is located at 980 Lycoming Ave., just down the hill from the airport. More information is available at (707) 840-9132 or on the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page.

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Small worlds | Making miniatures 'forces you to be patient'

❖ FROM C1

hobby might seem time-consuming to some but to club members, it is all encompassing. "It forces you to be patient," said Gail Freeman of Eureka, who is president of the club. Shirley Banks, another member from Eureka, chimed in, "We're always waiting for the paint to dry."

Small World meets monthly in members' homes and each host provides a project that is worked on during the day. The club is affiliated with NAME (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts) and participates in the Redwood Acres and Humboldt County fairs. They also display their creations in libraries and other locations.

"We made a dollhouse and gave it to CASA," Freeman said. "It's in their waiting room and can be played with. Some of the children don't even know what a bedroom is."

"We made them sturdy furniture for it," Ocheltree said, "so it can be handled."

It was a gift to CASA of hundreds of hours. "These ladies put so many hours and so much of themselves into it that they don't want to let go of it," said Dorelee Heisler of Korbel.

Sometimes, the miniature world transfers over into the real world. For one member, Vikki Young of Ferndale, that meant living in a house that reminded her of miniature Victorians she has built.

"I was parked in front of a real estate office in Ferndale while visiting there," she explained. The man who became her husband had gone off to visit a friend. "Before he came back, I had bought a house," she said, laughing. The photograph in the window of the office looked like one of her miniatures. She and her husband still live in it. "I had to make an honest man out of him," she quipped.



TEA-NY Tea Time shop complete with menu, teapots, tables and chairs, a waiter and customer.

Young said her miniatures are different than many of those made by other club members. "I don't put dolls in mine," she explained, "because I live there."



JUST A DROP Gail Freeman provides a sense of scale for a beer delivery wagon complete with beer barrels and a miniature horse.

Heisler echoed that thought. "It's just like a regular house. You rearrange them."

Freeman agreed. "After it's done, I keep improving on mine. I keep adding to it."

Non-members are welcome to attend the Attic Play Day. "Everyone's attic will be different," Young said. "Some will have ghosts, some artists, or just found treasures."

For more information, Young can also be reached at *vikkiyoung@rocketmail.com*.



PIE ALERT! Last year, the volunteer bakers for the Westhaven Blackberry Festival baked more than a 1,000 pies. This year, they may be looking at alternatives to their popular blackberry and huckleberry pies. "We might have to do peach-blackberry," said Erica Ervin, one of the bakers. "I don't know if it's the drought or the short growing season last year, but we are really short on berries. Maybe not as many people picked berries. We're hoping that someone with berries in the freezer will call us." The pies are sold every July at the festival, with all proceeds benefiting the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department. The women meet weekly to make and freeze the pies in order to satisfy pie lovers who come from as far away as Oregon to buy the delectable pastries. If you have frozen wild blackberries (not Himalayas) or cleaned huckleberries to donate or sell, please call Glenda at (707) 839-2223. Your fire department and pie eaters will thank you!

Janine Volkmar | Union

Bra bonanza | Not just flinging bras at the problem and expecting magical results

❖ FROM C1

selling used clothing on the textile industries in Africa. Clearly, the non-profit organization has done its homework. They are not just flinging bras at a problem and expecting magical results. The charity has been profiled on CNN's *Freedom Project*.

"We've challenged Trinidad and all the other clubs in the Redwood District," said Cynthia Gourley-Bagwell, president of the Blue Lake club. All six clubs are part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the oldest and largest women's service organizations. "I saw it in the Federation magazine," she explained.

Gourley-Bagwell is knitting and felting the award to go to the club that collects the most bras. "I'm calling it the Golden Boob award," she said. "We might as well make it fun."

But more importantly, the fun will empower women who have been enslaved. "It's about empowerment for them," she said.

The big count of donated bras will be held at Trinidad Town Hall on April 14 at a district meeting of the clubs.

Gently used bras can be dropped off at Trinidad Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays. There is a collection box in the Civic Clubroom.

The Trinidad Civic Club was founded in 1913. Current projects include two scholarship programs, support for the Trinidad Museum and Library, Student of the Month awards at Trinidad and Big Lagoon Schools, and the Town Hall kitchen.

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Answers to last week's crossword

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S/WILLIAM G. HANSEN, OWNER/OPERATOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 04, 2015
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3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00139
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EMERALD EMPIRE ENTERTAINMENT
1841 SUTTER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
GABRIEL J. DEMARTINI
1841 SUTTER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/GABRIEL DE MARTINI, OWNER/OPERATOR
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A. ABRAM DEPUTY
3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00137
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RASER PROPERTIES
6445 PURDUE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
PO BOX 3238
EUREKA, CA 95502
ERIKA REES
6445 PURDUE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
ROGER C. REES
6445 PURDUE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/ERIKA REES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 02, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
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3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00174
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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ARCATA, CA 95521
PO BOX 148
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
KEVIN W. FRANK
1752 OLD ARCATA ROAD
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/KEVIN FRANK, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 18, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00172
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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S/GYPSY RADER, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 17, 2015
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3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00186
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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HEIDI L. BOURNE
110 TANTARA LN.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/HEIDI L. BOURNE, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 24, 2015
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T. LEGG DEPUTY
4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00160
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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ARCATA, CA 95521
PO BOX 2670
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
MARY ELLA ANDERSON
1875 ARABIA DRIVE
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Unincorporated Assoc. Other Than a Partnership
S/ANANDA HAZZARD, TREASURER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 12, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME NICOLE YVONNE HOLMES BRAAFLADT FARRELL
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150124
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner NICOLE YVONNE HOLMES BRAAFLADT FARRELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: NICOLE YVONNE HOLMES BRAAFLADT FARRELL to Proposed name NICOLE YVONNE HOLMES FARRELL.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 15, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
FILED: MAR. 02, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ELIZAVETH RAMIREZ AND JONNAR ESCALANTE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150084
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner ELIZAVETH RAMIREZ AND JONNA ESCALANTE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: ALLISON MARIA ESCALANTE-RAMIREZ to Proposed name ALLISON MARIA ESCALANTE.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 3, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
FILED: FEB. 13, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME LYNETTE NUTTER
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150067
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner LYNETTE NUTTER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: FREYA KAREN MAUREEN CAUSON to Proposed name FREYA KAREN MAUREEN NUTTER.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 6, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
FILED: FEB. 19, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME LAURA TUTTLE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150126
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner LAURA TUTTLE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: LAURA JEAN TUTTLE to Proposed name LAURA JEAN RENEAU.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 17, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
FILED: MAR. 02, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME AMANDA SHELTON-RYCHLIK
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150132
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner AMANDA SHELTON-RYCHLIK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: AMANDA ELIZABETH SHELTON-RYCHLIK to Proposed name AMANDA ELIZABETH SHELTON.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 22, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
FILED: MAR. 05, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

[AMENDED] NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN H. KASSMANN
CASE NO.: PR150039
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CHRISTIAN H. KASSMANN
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: IRIS GIBSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: IRIS GIBSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: April 23, 2015
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. Yoiu may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petittion or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
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NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERING Volunteers are needed to help maintain the native landscaping around the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center on today, April 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Help with weeding on the green roof is especially needed. Participants will be trained to recognize native and non-native plants, and can then come out during times that best fit their schedule. Bring gloves if you have them and dress for the weather. Meet at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, *info@friendsofthedunes.org*

BEES AND POLLINATION SERVICES The Humboldt County Beekeepers Association (HCBA) presents "The Other Bees: A Look at Native Bees and Pollination Services" Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agriculture Department, in the main auditorium, 3630 South Broadway in Eureka (take the Humboldt Hill Road exit). Everyone is invited to join the conversation about native species of bees with Dr. Michael Mesler, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, HSU. The opener for the evening will be a brief talk on "Inviting Mason Bees to your Garden" presented by HCBA President Jamie Bucklin. New and aspiring beekeepers are encouraged to arrive at 6 p.m. for a special Q&A session with experienced local beekeepers. A donation of $2 at the door is always welcome. There will be refreshments and a drawing for door prizes. (707) 599-1902, *Humboldtbeekeepers.org*

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE REFUGE Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge invites you to Friday Night at the Refuge Friday, April 3. The first Friday of every month, April through October, the refuge will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy a walk along the trail during the evening hours and a free, natural resource related presentation at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center. This month, join David Thomson for a photographic presentation titled "Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge: The Wonderment Continues." Meet at Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters & Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Rd. in Loleta. *fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay*

HAMMOND TRAIL WORKDAY The Hammond Trail Stewardship Work Day is Saturday, April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at the North Letz Avenue parking lot, northwest of the airport turn off. Coffee, treats and tools provided. Rain, chill or shine. Volunteers are always welcome. *sbecker@reninet.com*

LANPHERE DUNES TOUR Join Friends of the Dunes naturalist Barbara Reisman for a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guided Walks are offered at the Lanphere Dunes on the first Saturday of every month. Participants will be eligible for an access permit after the walk. Meet at Pacific Union School at 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool to the protected site. (707) 444-1397, *info@friendsofthedunes.org*

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Katy Allen at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

EDIBLE/MEDICINAL PLANT WORKSHOP Join experienced botanist and herbalist Allison Poklemba for an Edible and Medicinal Plant Workshop, Monday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Participants will go on a short walk through a variety of habitat types to identify a wide selection of edible and medicinal plants. The workshop will include plant identification, harvesting techniques, information on usage for food and medicine followed by a preparation of edible treats. This class is appropriate for people with both beginning and advanced levels of botanical knowledge. The cost of this workshop is $25; Friends of the Dunes members and Manila residents receive a 20 percent discount. Space is limited; call (707) 444-1397 to reserve your spot.

ENVIRO-RESONANCE DILEMMA As part of the Sustainable Futures Speaker Series, Dr. John Meyer will present "Environmentalism and the Resonance Dilemma," Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. in BSS 166 on the HSU campus. Meyer is a professor in the Departments of Politics, Environmental Studies and Environment & Community at Humboldt State University. His talk will draw from his book, *Engaging the Everyday: Environmental Social Critcism and the Resonance Dilemma,* which has just been released by MIT Press. He is also co-editor of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Environmental Political Theory*. Far-reaching efforts to address environmental issues rarely seem to resonate with citizens of the United States or other wealthy postindustrial societies. Meyer argues that an environmental agenda that emerges from everyday concerns would resonate more deeply with ordinary citizens. He explores the contours of this alternative, theorizing both obstacles and opportunities and then considering it in terms of three everyday areas of material practice: land use, transportation by automobile, and home dwelling. The Sustainable Futures Speaker Series is presented by the Environment & Community Graduate Program and the Schatz Energy Research Center.

GET OUTSIDE GEAR SALE Friends of the Dunes is now accepting donations of gently used outdoor gear for the annual Get Outside Gear Sale, Saturday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, located at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Admission is free, but a $1 to $5 sliding scale donation is requested. This fundraiser supports coastal education and conservation programs and is a great place to find deals on used and new gear while enjoying live music, food, beer and kids' activities. Gear is equipment and apparel used for anything that gets people outside, such as camping and backpacking gear, guides and maps, child carriers, bicycles, disc golf and more. Donate or consign clean and gently used items by dropping them off at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, or bring them to Adventure's Edge in Arcata or Eureka and get a 15 percent off coupon to use at their stores. *friendsofthedunes.org,* (707) 444-1397

NATIVE VS. NON-NATIVE Humboldt Baykeeper and Hikshari' Trail Stewards invite the public to "Native vs. Non-Native Plants at the Edge of the Bay," a free tour of Eureka's Hikshari' Trail in celebration of Native Plant Week, Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.. Docent Susan Penn will share plants, ecology, and local history along a three-quarter mile section of this level trail. Meet the succulent pickleweed, the dreaded poison hemlock, and the cheerful seaside daisy. Thanks to the California Coastal Conservancy, our staff and docents lead bilingual tours in Spanish and English. Meet at 1 p.m. at the vista point at the end of Truesdale Street off south Broadway in Eureka. (707) 825-1020, *tours@humboldtbaykeeper.org, humboldtbaykeeper.org*

CLIMATE CHANGE HISTORY North Group Sierra Club is sponsoring a free program on "Abrupt Climate Change – What the Paleoclimate Record Tells Us," Tuesday, April 14 in the conference room of the Adorni Recreation Center, 101 Waterfront Dr. near L Street in Eureka. The speaker will be Richard Kreis, the group's climate and energy chair. The program begins at 6 p.m. with free pizza. An abbreviated business meeting of the North Group Executive Committee, open to the public, will follow the presentation. (707) 826-3740

